

JOHN L. ELWOOD, M.D., physician and surgeon, residing at Tygh Valley, Wasco county, was born at Leesburgh, Highland county, Ohio, September 8, 1868. His parents, Clark and Charlotte (Hisky) Elwood, were natives of the same state, as were the parents of Clark Elwood. The latter was a druggist, and he died January 13, 1904. The mother comes from Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry, her father having been a pioneer of the states of Ohio and Iowa, and is now living at the advanced age of ninety-two in Iowa. The mother of our subject resides at Ellensburg.

John L. Elwood was reared in the state of Ohio until he reached the age of seventeen years, receiving his elementary education in the graded and high schools. Subsequently he was matriculated in the Presbyterian seminary, Oakdale, Nebraska, taking a preparatory course comprising eighteen months. He then entered the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1890 with honors. This course was supplemented by a term at the Ainsworth Medical College, St. Joseph, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1891. He began practice with his uncle, Robert P. Elwood, at Oakdale, Nebraska, who was one of the oldest practitioners in the state, his practice covering a period of fifty years. With his uncle, Dr. Elwood, he remained eight months. Coming to Oregon afterward he appeared before the state board of medical examiners, and subsequently was appointed state health officer of Oregon, at Gardiner, and began practice at Gardiner, where he remained five years. He was, also, assistant United States marine surgeon. In 1898 Dr. Elwood disposed of his practice and came to Tygh valley, where he bought out Dr. N.G. Pown, and has since remained here. He owns a six hundred acre ranch, one-half mile from Tygh valley, which is stocked with one hundred and fifty head of hogs. Dr. Elwood recently sold one hundred head of cattle, having at present twenty head of graded stock. He has two standard bred horses, two thoroughbreds, and three Percheron mares, each of them weighing about sixteen hundred pounds. Altogether Dr. Elwood has twenty-one head of horses.

Dr. Elwood has two brothers, Harry S., a prominent citizen of Ellensburg, Washington, in the drug business, and Robert, a farmer and, dairyman, living near Ellensburg. Three uncles of our subject are physicians, as are seven of his first cousins. During thirty-eight years the father of our subject was the leading druggist in Leesburgh, Ohio. The political affiliations of Dr. Elwood are with the Republican party, he was a delegate to the last county and state convention, and he takes as active a part in the campaign issues of his party as his practice will permit. He was a school director at Gardiner, and fills the same office at Tygh valley.

At Ellensburg, Washington, January 10, 1893, Dr. Elwood was united in marriage to Ora F. Hatfield, born near Ellensburg. Her father, John Hatfield, was one of the early pioneers of Kittitas valley. Mrs. Elwood has four brothers: John, at Northport, Washington; Henry, of North Yakima, Washington; Herman, a drug clerk in Spokane; and Lloyd, a school boy. Dr. Elwood is a member of the A.F. & A.M.; R.A.M.; Gardiner Lodge, No. 21, I.O.O.F.; A.O.U.W., of which he is past master workman; Independent Order of Foresters; K.O.T.M.; Degree of Honor, of which Mrs. Elwood is, also, a member; and the M.W. of A., of Tygh valley.

Mrs. Elwood's people, the Hatfields, are pioneers of Washington, and are prominent and esteemed people. She has three sisters; Mrs. Ella Conner, in Seattle; Prudence, an accomplished vocalist now living in Wilbur, Washington; and Geneva, a school girl at home.