

JOHN M. ROTH is one of the wealthy and leading citizens of Wasco county. His farm of one thousand acres lies five miles east from Kingsley and has seven hundred acres under cultivation. In addition to this, he owns about five thousand acres of land near Rock Island. Chelan county, Washington. His home place is well improved and provided with all equipment needed on a first class Oregon grain farm.

John M. Roth was born in Germany, on May 18, 1838, the son of Johann M. and Sophia (Klaenfaller) Roth, both natives of the Fatherland. The father followed blacksmithing and farming, as did his ancestors and his death occurred in Germany on February 22, 1848. The mother died in Ohio. In 1856, his education having been completed in his native country, our subject came to the United States, settling in Wisconsin. There he labored for wages and rented land until 1867, in which year he enlisted in Company C, Eleventh Wisconsin Regulars, under Captain Perry and Colonel Harris. For three years he did faithful service and then on account of disability was honorably discharged. He was in active service all the time and saw much hard fighting in Arkansas and Missouri. Following the war he returned to Wisconsin and shortly went to Minnesota. In 1867, he went thence to Kansas, and in 1875, he came to Oregon. On June 8, of that year he arrived in Albany and on November 5, he located on land in Wasco county. Since that time he has been assiduously following the occupation of the agriculturist and stockman. He has accumulated considerable property and has wisely bestowed his labors all these years and is to be classed as one of the pioneers and substantial citizens.

While in Wisconsin, in August, 1864, Mr. Roth married Miss Margaret Unset, a native of Germany and an immigrant to this country with her parents in her infancy. Eight children have been born to this union; Emma, wife of Horatio Fargher, a wool grower, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Sophia, wife of Orwen Jones, a farmer near Nansene; John, living near our subject; Ella, at home; William and Victor, living on the estate near Rock Island; Carl, at home; and Lena, a school girl. Mr. Roth is a member of the order of Washington. Politically he is one of the active men of the county and is a strong Democrat. He was put in nomination for sheriff, but suffered defeat with his ticket. Mr. Roth has reared a very bright and interesting family, and they are good members of society and all being highly respected.