

LUTHER E. CROWE, of the firm of Mays & Crowe, dealers in hardware, implements and groceries, and having a magnificent store at The Dalles, was born in Nova Scotia, March 22, 1858. His parents were Jacob and Maria (Fletcher) Crowe, the father a native of Massachusetts, of an old New England family, the ancestors of whom came from the North of Ireland. The mother was born in Nova Scotia. Both parents are deceased.

In the spring of 1868 our subject came to California accompanied by his mother and step-father, D.A. Faulkner. They located in San Jose valley, Alameda county, where he attended school at Centreville until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered the service of the Central Pacific Railroad Company. He removed to Oregon in 1880 and obtained employment with John L. Hallett, superintendent of construction of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's road, as operator and electrician. Later he was with Julius Thielsen, in the construction department of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Subsequently he returned to the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, and was station agent at Hood River five years. He came to The Dalles in 1890 and associated himself with his father-in-law, Robert Mays, and purchased the hardware business from Abrams & Stewart. During the autumn of the same year they were burned out and they then took over the hardware business of Fish & Bardon, and erected a building on the corner of Second and Federal streets. In 1897 they were again burned out, and until they had completed the present handsome brick building they occupied a store room across the street. Their store is a two-story edifice, one hundred feet square, containing two stores and a commodious basement, affording them about twenty-five thousand square feet of flooring. Their plumbing shop is in a separate building, of corrugated iron, in the rear of the main store. They have also, stables, warehouses, implement sheds, etc., covering four lots, extending from Second to Third streets, and one other lot which they lease.

They carry a stock of from \$30,000 to \$50,000. From fourteen to twenty clerks and artisans are employed in the establishment.

At The Dalles, in September, Mr. Crowe was united in marriage to Eunice Mays, born in Tygh valley, Wasco county. Our subject has two half brothers and one half sister: Fletcher Faulkner, of Ogden, Utah; George A. Faulkner, of Oakland, California; and Letitia, wife of Fred A. White, of San Francisco, California. Mr. Crowe is a Republican, though far from being a partisan, and he has been a member of the city council. Fraternally, he is a member of Cascade Lodge No. 303, B.P.O.E., of which he is past exalted ruler, and a member of the grand lodge; Friendship Lodge No. 9, K. of P., past C.C.