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MONROE HEISLER, a native of Oregon, born in Marion county, September 27, 1852, now resides at Dufur, Wasco county, engaged in building and contracting. He is the son of William (Grandpa) and Martha (McConnell) Heisler.

Our subject lived with his parents and attended district school in Lane and Linn counties, Oregon, and removed to what is now Crook county. He also worked at teaming and black-smithing, and for ten years was in the business of raising sheep in company with his father-in-law, E.N. White, in Crook county. He came to Wasco county about 1885, locating at Dufur, where he was engaged in the general merchandise business with his father. For two years they conducted the first store in the place. They disposed of the property and our subject returned to Crook county and went into the mercantile business in Prineville, removing thence to Dufur where he was employed two years in carpenter work. Going to Lagrande he remained one year, where he purchased an interest with Crandall, the jeweler, returning to Dufur. He then went onto a ranch for which he and his father had traded the store, and was for eight years engaged in farming. They had in all six hundred and forty acres, including railroad land which they had purchased. In 1897 the oldest son of our subject, Charles M., purchased "Grandpa" Heisler's interest in the ranch, on which he now lives. Since that time our subject has resided in Dufur engaged in building and contracting. In company with E.T. Hinman he built the Dufur school house. Mr. Heisler has served as school director several years and has been road supervisor for a term of two years. He is politically independent, although not an active partisan, and he has been a member of the city council of Dufur. He is a member of Ridgely Lodge, No. 71, I.O.O.F., of which he is past grand; Nicholson Encampment; A.O.U.W.; W.O.W., and he and wife are members of Star Lodge, No. 23, Rebekahs, and the Christian church.

At Prineville, June 4, 1876, Mr. Heisler was united in marriage to Cynthia L. White, born in Linn county, Oregon. Her parents Edward N. and Catherine (Burkhart) White, were natives of Iowa. The father, a prominent western pioneer, crossed the plains so early as 1840, and is now living near Prineville. The mother is dead. Mrs. Heisler has three half brothers living; Grant, engaged in mining in Canada; Aaron and Edward, at Prineville; one full sister, Abbie, wife of T.C. Baker, a stockman near Corvallis; and three half sisters; Jennie, married to J. L. McCully, of Prineville; Docia, of Boise City, Idaho; and Ella, wife of James Cram, of Prineville. Mr. and Mrs. Heisler have five children, Charles, Claud, Clarence, Harold, and Minnie, wife of Park Bolton, a farmer residing near Wrentham, Oregon.

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