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PEREZ A. COX lives about five miles south from Hood River in the Odell district, where he has a choice and well improved farm. He was born in Illinois, on October 17, 1854, the son of Abner and Nancy (Barker) Cox, natives of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, respectively. The father was at Dutch extraction and the mother came from an old colonial family prominent in the Revolutionary War. She died when our subject was twenty-eight years of age and the father aged eighty-eight lives with Mr. Cox at the present time. While Mr. Cox was small, the family moved to Iowa and in Wright county he received his education and was reared. When twenty-one, he started out in life for himself and did various kinds of work for a time and then went to Kansas and took up a homestead. For twelve years, he devoted himself to its improvement and cultivation and in 1889, came thence to Hood River. He bought forty acres and remained on the same until 1904, when he traded it for the place where he now lives. Twenty acres of this have been sold and the balance, Mr. Cox is making into a very choice fruit farm. He has recently erected a story and a half cottage, a large barn and outbuildings. A special air of thrift and neatness is evident everywhere and the place is one of the most tasty and valuable in this part of the valley. He has put out seven acres to apples and expects to handle considerable more ground to this profitable fruit. Mr. Cox is still a single man. He has two brothers, Seaman and Judson, both farmers, the former in Hood River and the latter in Kansas.

Politically, our subject is independent, yet he is always active in local affairs and in the campaigns. He is well posted on the questions of the day and is an energetic man.

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