

PETER STOLLER lives near the forks of Five and Ten Mile creeks and is one of the prosperous men of Wasco county. His thrift and enterprise have accumulated the property that he now owns as he started without capital. He was born in Switzerland, on November 27, 1862. His father, Peter Stoller, was born in the same country and came to the United States in 1865. He resided in Illinois and Iowa until 1877, when he brought his family to Klickitat county, Washington, and lived there near Trout Lake until 1890 when he moved to Marion county, Oregon, where he resides at the present time. He married Miss Margaret Ritter, a native of Switzerland, who now resides with her husband. She is eighty years of age and her husband is seventy-five. Our subject was educated in Iowa, Illinois, and Klickitat county, Washington, and did farm work during the early days of his life. When about twenty-four, he began raising cattle, having saved his earnings to buy a band of heifers with. He was being prospered nicely at this business until the hard winter swept away his stock leaving him almost penniless. Then he went to work on the farm again, this time in Polk county, until he saved money enough to get another start. Then he came to Wasco county and took a homestead. Later, he traded that for the place where he now resides, having now two hundred and sixty-four acres. He handles some stock, cultivates one hundred acres of land and is a prosperous man. He expects soon to increase the acreage as he wishes the range more exclusively in both farming and stock raising. Mr. Stoller is raising some very nice O.I.C. hogs.

On April 21, 1892, at Portland, Mr. Stoller married Louise Mayer, a native of Germany and the daughter of John Mayer, who died in Germany. Mrs. Stoller's mother also died in Germany, when this daughter was but six years of age. Mrs. Stoller has the following named brothers, John, Ludwig and Carl. Mr. Stoller has three sisters, Mrs. Marguerite Stadelman, Mrs. Susan Pearson and Mrs. Lyddia Stoller. To our subject and his wife, two children have been born, Ludwig and Lena. Mr. Stoller is a member of the M.W.A. and they both belong to the Baptist church. He is an active Republican and has served both as school director and road supervisor. Mr. Stoller is a genial man, well spoken of and possessed of integrity and public spirit. The improvements upon his place are tasty and neat and everything indicates a man of thrift and enterprise.