

REMI RONDEAU is well known in the country adjacent to Kingsley and is a highly esteemed and popular man. He is one of those substantial men who form the boast and strength of any well regulated community and is a man whose labors have always been bestowed wisely and for the upbuilding and improvement of the country and his property. He is a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, and was born on June 11, 1850. His parents are mentioned in the sketch of his brother's life, which appears in this work. In the French schools of his native country, Mr. Rondeau acquired a good education and in 1872, he came to Wasco county, whither his father, his brothers, Leon, Joseph, Edward and his sisters, Delia Celia and Louisa, came five years later. The mother had died in Vermont where the family dwelt for some time. Mr. Rondeau immediately took up land upon reaching this place and soon thereafter purchased railroad land and now has an estate of four hundred and forty acres. It is good land and half of it is bearing bounteous crops of wheat and other cereals. A portion of the land was disputed between the railroad and the government and finally the title became settled. Mr. Rondeau has given his attention to the cultivation of his farm and has succeeded well, having now a choice farm, well improved with fine new dwelling and other accessories needful on a first class place. He has always shown a marked interest in the affairs of the county, state and nation, as well as laboring untiringly for the betterment of educational facilities. He gave freely of his time for this good end and progress in all lines is his motto. In 1888, Mr. Rondeau suffered a stroke of paralysis in his lower limbs and of late it has grown so that he is confined to a wheel chair. It is one of those things in life which reason cannot compass, but to which the heart can only bow in submission. Mr. Rondeau has manifested a spirit of resignation and his life has endeared him to all.

At The Dalles, on July 3, 1882, Mr. Rondeau married Miss Jessie McLeod, who was born in Michigan. Her father and mother, Alexander and Ellen McLeod, were born in Ontario, and Wales, respectively. The father is descended from Scotch ancestry. They now live at Ashland, Oregon. Mrs. Rondeau has two half sisters, Mrs. Allie Bessoni and Mrs. Annie Herbert. To Mr. and Mrs. Rondeau four children have been born: Remon, aged twenty-one, and now on the farm at home; Nellie, Minnie, and Annie, aged respectively, six, twelve, and ten, and all now deceased. Mr. Rondeau is a Republican and has always labored for the success of his party. He is a great reader and has acquired a mastery of the English language, both in speaking and writing, that shows an attention and studiousness commendable.

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