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RICHARD J. GORMAN, of the firm of R.J. Gorman & Company, engaged in the real estate loans and insurance business, and one of the active, progressive citizens of The Dalles, Wasco county, was born in Kingsley, this county, November 22, 1878. His parents are Patrick and Sarah (Brookhouse) Gorman, natives of Ireland. They now reside at The Dalles. Patrick Gorman came to the United States in 1861, locating at Chicago where he engaged in the tanning business. He migrated to Oregon in 1876, and in this state he filed on a homestead near Kingsley, devoting his energies to farming and stock raising until 1900. At this period he retired from active business and came to The Dalles to reside.

The public schools of Kingsley, the Wasco Independent Academy and a literary and commercial course at Mount Angel College, Marion county, contributed each to the really excellent education of our subject. From the latter institution he was graduated with honors in 1897, and he then began the study of law with Judge Bennett. Subsequently for eighteen months he was editor of the Chronicle, and was with the Times-Mountaineer two years as city editor. In April, 1903, he commenced his present business in company with silent partners, and it is but just to say that he has been eminently successful. Our subject is a member of the Y.M.I. and the Roman Catholic church. He is a Republican, but not particularly active and not at all partisan. He still remains a bachelor, and has one sister, Mary, wife of T.J. Senfert, of The Dalles. His two half brothers are John, a mining man in Mexico, and Patrick, now on the home ranch at Kingsley, their names being McGrail. Mr. Gorman is an estimable gentleman, and one who has won the confidence of a large community.

