

THEODORE C. DALLAS was a well known business man of Hood River and operated a tinning and plumbing shop there. He did a nice business and stood well throughout the community. He was a genial, public spirited, generous man and had hosts of friends. For many years, he dwelt at Hood River and was really one of the builders of the country. He was born in Lagrange county, Indiana, on February 5, 1854. His father, Joseph S. Dalles, was born in Preble county, Ohio, and his father, the grand-father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania. That gentleman's father, the great-grandfather of our subject, came from England and amassed a large fortune in the Carolinas but later in life lost it all. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was an Indiana pioneer and located in the wilds, seventy-five miles out from where Fort Wayne is now, which was their nearest postoffice. He erected a sawmill and did a large business and a good work in opening up the country. Our subject's father was a farmer in Lagrange county, Indiana and there died in 1884. He was a first cousin to the Mr. Dalles, who was vice-president in Polk's administration. Our subject's mother was Emily (Clark) Dallas, a native of New York. She died on the old homestead in Lagrange county, Indiana, in 1861. For twelve years, our subject lived in Indiana, then went to Michigan where he remained until twenty-three. He was educated in the district's schools in these two states, then went to Iowa, where he worked for wages. After that, he returned to the old home place in the east and was with his father and stepmother until 1886 when he came to California. Various enterprises employed him for sometime, when he journeyed north to Hood River in 1888. He was occupied in different callings until 1893, when he opened a tinning shop. Not being master of the business himself, it required considerable ingenuity and pluck on the part of Mr. Dallas to start in this business. However, he hired skilled operators and learned from them until he became master of the tinning and plumbing trades. Since that time, he has continued uninterruptedly in the prosecution of these allied occupations and is doing a good business today. Mr. Dallas was never married. He had one sister, Osola, the widow of George W. Burke and one half sister, Charlotte, wife of George W. Cone, a farmer in Middle valley, Illinois.

Mr. Dallas was a member of the K.O.T.M. and the United Artisans. He was a staunch Republican but not especially active.

In May, 1904, Mr. Dallas was called hence by death.