

THEODORE J. SEUFERT, of the firm of Seufert Brothers, is one of the leading business men in The Dalles. He has been closely identified with commercial interests here for a good many years and has shown himself to be a man of ability and integrity and has so wisely managed his business enterprises that he has won a remarkable success in the same. He was born in Queen's county, New York, on January 3, 1859. His father, John Seufert, was a native of Germany and came to the United States when nineteen years old locating first in New York city, where he followed his trade of tailoring for many years. Then he moved to Long Island and operated a summer resort hotel and did farming until his death in 1870. Our subject was educated in the public schools of New York city then employed in a gents furnishing and dry goods business. In 1878, he came to San Francisco and learned the butcher trade and in 1882, came to The Dalles to join his brother, Frank A., who had come west previous to our subject's journey. They went into partnership in The Dalles in the meat business but after one year they found it unprofitable and engaged in buying fruit from local raisers to ship to Montana, Idaho and other eastern points. They shipped the first carload of fruit ever sent out of the state over the Northern Pacific and probably the first ever shipped over that road. Soon after that, they began to purchase salmon and can them. In 1885, they leased the Whitcomb fishery and the next year sub-leased a part of the plant for canning to parties in Portland for ten years and furnished them fish for canning. In 1896, the Seufert brothers purchased the whole establishment and since then have conducted it themselves. They have a capacity of fifteen hundred cases daily and in the season employ one hundred and twenty-five people. The business has been a success from the time the first began it and is one of the large enterprises of the coast.

On June 20, 1886, at Kingsley, Mr. Seufert married Miss Mary A. McGrail, a native of Philadelphia. Her father was accidentally killed when she was small. The mother, Sarah (Brookhouse) McGrail, a native of Ireland, then married Patrick J. Gorman and they now live on Ninth street in The Dalles. Our subject has one brother, his partner and four sisters, Louisa A. Wenner, Mary Walter, Katie Hoffman, and Theresa A. Kudicker. Mrs. Seufert has two brothers, John and Patrick J. and one half brother, Richard J. Gorman. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Seufert, J. Roger, Theodore J., Jr., Leland and Mildred M.

Mr. Seufert is a member of the K. P. and the Elks.