

WILLIAM H. CUSHING is a native son of Wasco county and has showed himself one in which the qualities of worth and substantiality together with wisdom and geniality are happily blended. He was educated in the public schools, of The Dalles and during the hours when not at his books was helping his father in the latter's store. This life continued until the lad had reached fourteen when the father sold his town property and repaired to the country, purchasing land where our subject now resides, three miles east from town. Since then, Mr. Cushing has devoted himself to farming and now is handling his father's farm and one of his own, which adjoins his father's land. He has a choice place of eighty acres and another of two hundred and forty acres and is one of the thrifty farmers of Wasco county.

William H. Cushing was born in The Dalles, on June 4, 1862, the son of Milo and Mary (Piggott) Cushing, natives of Lockport, New York, and Ireland, respectively. They both now dwell on the farm near our subject. The father descends from a prominent family which has always been influential in American politics even before the time of the Declaration of Independence.

On November 30, 1884, Mr. Cushing married Miss Josephine, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Gates) Knebel, and a native of Iowa. Her father came from Germany, his native country, to the United States when six years old. The family settled in Iowa and in 1868, he came to Oregon, settling near Eugene. Later he came to Wasco county and died on his farm, near that of our subject. The mother now lives in The Dalles. Mr. Cushing has two brothers who are mentioned in this work. Mrs. Cushing has two brothers, Joseph and Daniel, and five sisters, Mrs. Theresa Anlauf, Mrs. Thomas Denton, Mrs. Odelia Harvey, Mrs. Ida Jackel, and Mrs. Kate Nowak. The following named children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cushing, Frank, Katie, Olive, Benie, Esther, Sybil, and Morris. Mr. Cushing is a member of the M.W.A. and is a well informed Democrat. He has often been to the conventions and is now on the school board, having served five consecutive terms. He has also been road supervisor for two terms. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gushing are members of the Roman Catholic church. They are well respected people and have shown a progressive spirit in their careers.