

HON. W.H. HARRISON DUFUR is a man well known by his labors, both in business life and in the political arena. He has achieved remarkable success as the owner of a magnificent estate, five miles up from Dufur on Fifteenmile creek. He is one of the leading men of this part of the state and has made a brilliant success in every line in which he has operated and without doubt is to be classed as one of the builders of this prosperous section. His influence has been felt far and near and his work bears the stamp of sagacity and executive ability. He was born in Williamstown, Vermont, on February 22, 1854. His parents and the balance of the family are named in the biography of Andrew J. Dufur, Jr., which appears in another portion of this work. Our subject came to Oregon with the rest of the family in 1860 and for many years they all remained together. He received his educational training in the district schools in and about Portland, in the high school under Professor Johnson and in the Portland Academy under Professor T.M. Gatch. After this, he was in the employ of Bradley, Marsh and Company and other large firms, then second assistant manager of the Northwest Storage Shipping Company, two years. In 1876, he moved to Fifteen-mile creek with his brother for a time and rented ranches. Two years later, he bought two hundred and ninety-four acres and kept adding to it until he had nearly fifteen hundred acres. He has sold considerable and still owns over one thousand acres, six hundred of which are tillable. He does general farming, raises cattle and horses and Poland China hogs. He has been very successful in his labors here and has accumulated a fine fortune. On November 11, 1902, Mr. Dufur leased the Columbia hotel in The Dalles and furnished the same at an expense of over four thousand dollars and on October 22, 1903, the same burned to the ground.

The political career of Mr. Dufur is worthy of especial mention and it is with pleasure that we are privileged to append a review. He has been a life long Republican and one of the prominent men of his party in this part of the state. He is one of those unswerving, progressive men, who have made Republican politics what it is today, the most powerful influence in the grandest nation on earth. In 1882, he was chosen a member of the state legislature at a special election at the Dolph Mitchell contest, he belonging to the Mitchell faction. Under Harrison's administration, Mr. Dufur was commissioner and disbursing agent for the Warm Springs and Colville Indian commission. The object of this commission was to settle the disputed line between Indians of the Warm Springs agency and the white settlers and to purchase lands from the confederated tribes of the Colville Indians. Mark A. Fullerton of the supreme bench of Washington was chairman of the committee and Hon. James F. Paine of North Carolina was the other member. In 1898, he was appointed forest supervisor of the northern division of the Cascade reserve and of the Bull Run reserve, which supplies Portland with water. For four years he did excellent service in that capacity. He is always at the county and state conventions where he is an influential and leading figure.

On July 16, 1876, at Portland, Mr. Dufur married Mary L. Alexander, who was born in Topson, Maine. Her parents were both natives of that state and came from old colonial families. The father died some time since and the mother married Richard H. Holmes and they are now dwelling with our subject. They came to Oregon in the early fifties and for many years he was a contractor and builder in Portland. He is a veteran of the Rogue river and Cayuse and other Indian wars of the fifties. Mrs. Dufur has one sister, Nellie, the wife of William Humbert, in the government employ at Los Angeles, California. Two children have been born to our subject and his wife, Blanche, the wife of R. E. Batty of Grangeville, Idaho, and Andrew B. at home. He was married on July 9, 1903, to Iva Williams who was born on Eightmile. Her father, W.H. Williams, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Dufur is a member of the A.O.U.W., the W.W. and the United Artisans. He is a sturdy up-to-date man dominated by sound principles and guided by a keen foresight and wisdom that stamp him as a leading figure in the county.