

WILLIAM S. GRIBBLE, a prominent and popular citizen of Wasco county, is located at Mt. Hood, where he handles a general merchandise establishment and also is postmaster. He has a choice stock of well selected goods and is doing a fine business. His birth occurred in Clackamas county, Oregon, on November 28, 1862, and he carries the distinction of being a native of the Web-Foot state and is a son of whom Oregon may be proud. His father, Joseph B. Gribble, was born in Missouri and crossed the plains with his parents in 1846, with ox teams, being then twelve years of age. They had an uneventful journey, as the Indians were quiet; but they broke out the next year. Our subject's father took a donation claim and also traded for unsurveyed land, giving a gun and pony for a large tract. The grandfather died on the old donation claim. The father also died in the Willamette valley. He had married Miss Eunice Fish, a native of Clackamas county, and her parents were early pioneers of that country. William was educated and reared in the Willamette valley, and, excepting a trip of six months to California, he remained there until 1892. In that year he came to this section and filed on a homestead, which lies one mile north from the store. He cultivated that for several years, and in 1902 decided to embark in the mercantile business. He accordingly erected a commodious two story structure and selected a stock of goods and opened for business. He had a good patronage from the start and is a man of good ability in this enterprise. He possesses a geniality and affability that wins friends and he has the confidence and esteem of the people. In January, 1904, he was appointed postmaster and is giving the best of satisfaction in this capacity.

While in Clackamas county Mr. Gribble married Miss Hattie E. Hodges, a native of Iowa, and to them two children were born, Alta G. and Hazel B., who are with their mother in Los Angeles county, California. Owing to sufficient reason, Mr. Gribble secured a divorce from this woman, and, at The Dalles, on March 18, 1903, he married Mrs. Nettie M. Booth, a native of Maine, and the daughter of Charles Hobart, who is now in Massachusetts, but he was for many years master mechanic for the O.R. & N. at The Dalles. Mr. Gribble has the following named brothers and sisters: Raymond N., Walter J., Elmer W., Martin J., Clarissa E. Cooper, and Kate E. Cooper, and one half brother, Bruce O. Billings, our subject's step-father being Amos Billings. By her former marriage, Mrs. Gribble has two children, Hobart and Leah Booth, both living with our subject and his wife. Mr. Gribble is a member of the United Artisans, and is an influential and active Republican. Mrs. Gribble belongs to the Congregational church, while her husband is a member of the Methodist.