

A. AD. KELLER, who conducts a real estate, insurance and employment agency at The Dalles, No. 317 East Second street, was born in Switzerland, April 28, 1851, the son of Nicholas and Susanne (Schwendiman) Keller, natives of Switzerland. The father was a butcher and stock raiser. Both parents are deceased, the mother dying in 1877.

Our subject was educated in the Swiss public schools in Berne, supplemented by a course in the "Realschule," a college in the same city. Mr. Keller was graduated from the literary department, in 1867. He then assisted his father in business until 1878, entering the Swiss army and serving until 1878, on leave of absence, with the rank of First Lieutenant, during all of which time he, also, attended to his duties in his father's meat market, and working his way upward in the army, a task that involved much hard study and work. He came to the United States in 1878, going direct to Portland, Oregon, where until 1883 he was employed in the butchering business. That year he came to The Dalles and was book-keeper in the Columbia Brewery two and one-half years, subsequently engaging in the saloon business, until 1902, when he sold out and has conducted his present enterprise since.

October 10, 1886, Mr. Keller, at The Dalles, was married to A. Louise Strasser, born in Switzerland in the same Canton as her husband, the daughter of Johann and Anna (Lewenburger) Strasser, natives of Switzerland, the father dying in that country in 1871, the mother passing away at The Dalles, in 1887. Mrs. Keller came here with her mother and three brothers; Henry, who is now a practicing physician in Minneapolis; Emil, a farmer on Fivemile creek, Wasco county; and another brother who died in 1882. Mr. Keller has one brother living, Edward, and one sister, Mary, both residing in Berne, Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have six children, Albert, aged sixteen; Louisa, Marie, Grover, Julius, and Henry, aged respectively, fourteen, thirteen, eleven, ten and four years. Politically Mr. Keller is independent. Fraternally he is a member of Wasco tribe, I.O.R.M., of which he is chief of records and Past Sachem; of Friendship Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., being past U.C., and The Dalles Aerie, No. 156, F.O.E. For thirteen years he has served in the Oregon National Guard as Inspector of small arm practice, with rank of captain. He was a notary public eight years, is a member of the fire department and is ex-president and secretary of Jackson Engine Company, No. 1, but is at present exempt from service. In June, 1904, Mr. Keller was chosen justice of the peace for The Dalles district, running well ahead of his ticket, the Republican.