

AUSTIN C. RICE, who resides on Jackson street in The Dalles, was born on Fifteen Mile creek on October 29, 1865, the son of Horace and Eliza J. (Bolton) Rice, natives of Ohio and West Virginia, respectively. They are mentioned elsewhere in this work. The district schools of this county supplied the educational training of our subject and in studying and working on the farm with his father, he spent the days of his youth. In early manhood he was with his father on the ranch and in raising cattle and was well trained. When twenty-four, he purchased land from the military road grant and farmed it for six years. Then he sold his entire property and engaged in the grocery business at Ashland. Two years later he sold that business and came again to Wasco county and took up stock raising and farming. He purchased a farm from his brother, three miles from the old home estate, and after handling it for three years, he sold it and came to The Dalles, where he resides at the present time. In all his career, Mr. Rice has been an active and wide awake business man and has shown marked financial ability and thus has secured for himself a fine competence.

At The Dalles, on November 11, 1890, Mr. Rice married Miss Ada A. Waller, who was born in Polk county, on August 11, 1860. Her parents, George T. and Mary J. (Doty) Waller, were born near Quincy, Illinois. The father's father died when that son was an infant and then the mother brought her children across the plains with ox teams in 1849. Mrs. Rice has three brothers, Oliver, Lorin W., Alton J., and three sisters, Emily C. Fell, Minnie Winters, and Lulu Henritt. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have three children: Darrell L., aged eight; Verl W., aged four; and Dale G.

Politically, our subject is a good Republican and displays an interest in all matters both public and educational. His wife belongs to the Christian church. She is a graduate of the Monmouth college and for thirteen years previous to her marriage she was one of the educators of Oregon, teaching both in the Willamette valley and in Dufur.