

AMOS ROOT, a substantial farmer and fruit raiser, who resides about two miles east from Mosier, was born in Ohio. His parents, John and Sarah (Hurst) Root, were natives of Pennsylvania and from Dutch stock. They both died in Ohio. Our subject was raised in Ohio until twenty-one where he received his education, then journeyed west to Iowa. After four or five years' residence there he went to Colorado and worked in the mines about six years. Returning home, he spent two years in the Buckeye State and two in Indiana and in 1875, he came to Oregon. He spent several years in the Willamette valley, ranching and then came west of the mountains and raised sheep but was driven out of that business owing to the uprising of the Indians. In 1878, he bought the place where he now resides and since then has made it his home. The farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres, forty of which are under cultivation. Thirty acres of the forty are planted to apples, cherries, peaches, prunes and so forth. Mr. Root is a skillful and thrifty horticulturist and turns off many boxes of fruit each year.

In Indiana, Mr. Root married Miss Hammah Holderman, a native of that state. Her parents, Samuel and Sarah (Boyer) Holderman were born in Ohio and died in Indiana. Mrs. Root has several brothers and sisters and Mr. Root has the following named brothers and sisters, Henry, Samuel, William, and Elizabeth Zaner. To our subject and his esteemed wife eight children, have been born; Elmer R., a farmer near The Dalles; Leo, with him; Leslie and Clyde, school boys; Alice, wife of Wallace A. Husband, living four miles east of Mr. Root's place; Zilla, the widow of Mr. Jones, residing with her father; Nora and Edna, at home.

Politically, Mr. Root has formerly been a Democrat and attends many of the conventions, but recently he has embraced the Socialist faith which he believes to contain the right principles for the settlement of the political questions. He takes a lively interest in school affairs and has been a director for many years.