

BOYD N. SPROAT, one of the prominent horticulturists of Wasco county, resides about five miles south from Hood River, where he has an orchard of thirty-three acres, of the choicest varieties of fruit. He has forty acres in the farm, but devotes the balance to general crops. He and his brother, who has a farm adjoining, raise fruit which has frequently taken the premium at the fairs.

Boyd N. Sproat was born in Racine county, Wisconsin, on August 10, 1867, the son of William C. and Phoebe A. (Hoover) Sproat, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was raised in Minnesota, principally, whither the family moved when he was eleven. His life was spent on the farm and in the district schools until grown to manhood, then he studied in the North Dakota University. After that he engaged in farming and dairying, and also handled thoroughbred Jerseys and raised many fine specimens. He was town supervisor and school clerk for many years. His father was the first school clerk in his district. On October 8, 1890, Mr. Sproat married Miss Agnes C. Cameron, at Grand Forks, North Dakota. She was born in Lanark county, Ontario, the daughter of James and Margaret (Geary) Cameron, natives of Canada, and descended from Scotch and Irish ancestors, respectively. Mr. Sproat's brothers and sisters are mentioned elsewhere in this work. His wife has three brothers, James, George A., and Richard E., and four sisters, Elizabeth Love, Mary McCallum, Theresa Slater, and Annie McCullough. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sproat are William L., aged eleven, Edna, aged five, and Norman, aged four months. Politically, Mr. Sproat is a Republican, but he is not a politician in the common sense of the word, although he is keenly alive to the interests of his party and the welfare of the community. He owns a timber claim in Crook county and has other property. His farm produces about fifteen hundred boxes of fancy apples per year, besides a great quantity of seconds, and when all is in bearing, it will produce tons more of the choicest fruit. Our subject's father was a Mason for fifty years and held all the chairs of his lodge.

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