

CARL F. MEHL was born in Germany, on February 6, 1840, the son of Godfried and Eliza (Fischer) Mehl, natives of Germany where they remained until their death. In 1863, having secured a good education in the fatherland and an excellent training from his parents, our subject bade farewell to home and friends and sailed away for America. The first four years here, he spent in Wisconsin, then he lived eight years in Minnesota, following farming and the meat business. He also devoted some time to railroad contracting. In 1876, he came to The Dalles and opened a meat market. Later, he was employed on the O.R. & N. for six years, then he bought land in Klickitat county, across the Columbia river, and farmed for thirteen years. Then he sold his property and retired to The Dalles, where he and his wife have lived since.

In 1866, while in Minnesota, Mr. Mehl married Miss Eustina Zeigenhagen, a native of Germany. Her parents were natives also of the same country and her father is now living with one of her brothers, aged eighty-eight. Mr. Mehl has one brother, August and one sister, Eustina Tetzloff. Mrs. Mehl has one brother, Herman. To our subject and his wife, seven children have been born: Emily, in Coos Bay, Oregon; Rudolph at Heppner, with railroad company; Helena, wife of Julius Pankonin, a builder and contractor; Fred in The Dalles, railroading, and Eustina, Amalia and Frank at home.

Mr. Mehl is a good strong Republican and a well informed man. He also belongs to the A.O.U.W. while he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. They are highly respected people and have won the confidence of all who know them.