

CHARLES H. SWETT is a native son of Oregon and has spent the major portion of his life in the state. He was born in Douglas county, on March 21, 1867, the son of James B. and Julia E. (Potter) Swett, natives of Illinois and Oregon, respectively, and now dwelling near Ellensburg, Washington. The mother's parents crossed the plains with ox teams in 1849, and her father, William Potter, filed a donation claim six miles out from Oregon City. The parents of our subject lived in various places in Oregon, and his education was gained in Jackson, Douglas and Crook counties, Oregon, and in Kittitas county, Washington. About 1886, he came to Wasco county and filed a homestead on an eighty where he now lives. In addition to this, Mrs. Swett owns a half section here which makes a nice estate of four hundred acres. Mr. Swett devotes himself to general farming and also raises some stock. He was married in The Dalles, on May 28, 1894, to Mrs. Alice J. Potter, who was born in Lane county, Oregon, on August 3, 1867, the daughter of John and Lucinda (Moore) Hanna, natives of Indiana and Illinois, respectively. The father crossed the plains with ox teams in 1852, and the mother came across with her parents in 1851. Settlement was made in the Willamette valley and in 1870 they came to this county and now reside near Boyd. Mr. Swett has the following named brothers and sisters; Cornelius C., Lord M., Frank E., William A., Harry, James R., Mrs. Mary E. Roland, Mrs. Eveline N. Fowler, Mrs. Elmira DeWese, and Sadie M., single. Mrs. Swett has brothers and sisters as named below: George, Henry, Joseph, John, Fred, Stephen, and Mrs. Lucy Swett. The last one named is the wife of Mr. Cornelius Swett, our subject's brother. To our subject and his wife four children have been born, Elmer J., Annie M., Ernest E., and Thomas L. In political matters, Mr. Swett is independent, and is intelligently posted on the issues and questions of the day. He is a man who has continued steadily along in the work of farming and has done his share to build up the county.