

CHARLES V. CHAMPLIN resides three miles west from The Dalles, where he has a fine fruit farm. He is one of the thrifty and leading horticulturists of the county and his estate shows good taste and neatness in every detail. He handles twenty-five acres to bearing orchard and contemplates setting out more. Each year he ships about thirty tons of prunes, besides much other fruit. He also raises hay and some stock. His place consists of one hundred and fifty acres and he secured the same by purchase.

Charles V. Champlin was born in Illinois, on December 25, 1851 the son of John and Rachel (Wilcox) Champlin, natives of New York. The Champlin family is an old and prominent one in American affairs and hold leading interests in the commercial world in Illinois. The father died in Illinois, in 1868. The Wilcox family are from colonial days and were leading people in the professions and in the business world. Charles V. lived in Illinois until 1877, there securing his education. Then he went to California and for one year was engineer in a large mill, having learned that trade in Illinois. Later he went from Petaluma to New Orleans where he was with an uncle, who was a large planter there, for seven years. Mr. Champlin came here from California on a visit, not expecting to stay. But being pleased with the country, he engaged in the O.R. & N. shops and wrought for twelve years. Then he purchased the place where he now dwells and since then has been a leading fruit raiser of Wasco county.

On December 25, 1882, Mr. Champlin married Miss Lizzie Agnew, a native of Sonoma, California, where the wedding occurred. Her parents, Samuel and Emma (Champlin) Agnew, were born in Virginia and Illinois, respectively. The father comes from an old and prominent southern family. He has a brother of noted character, Jim Agnew, the well known sheriff of Ada county, Idaho, in early days. His son, Jim Agnew, is now sheriff of the same county. Mrs. Champlin has two brothers, Newton, Asahel, and four sisters, Ida Dunbar, Mollie Weyl, Ella Cooper, and Sadie. Mr. Champlin has three brothers, William, Horace, Frank, and one half brother, Orlando. Mrs. Champlin's parents are still residing at Petaluma, California. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Champlin, Leroy and Eddie, both at home. Mr. Champlin is a member of the W.W. He is a man of integrity and uprightness and has the confidence of all who may have the pleasure of his acquaintance.