

EDWIN M. HILL, of the firm of Hill & Robinson, blacksmiths and wagon makers, resides at Dufur, Wasco county. He is a native son of this grand state, having been born in Malheur county, April 22, 1872. The house in which he was born stood on the Idaho and Oregon state line, one-half of the edifice in Oregon, the other half in Idaho. The family postoffice was at Silver City, Idaho. His father, Marshall Hill, is a native of Tennessee, his parents being descended from a prominent Pennsylvania Dutch family. His mother, Prudence (Thomas) Hill, was born in Linn county, Oregon, her ancestry being, also, of Dutch extraction. Her parents crossed the plains so early as 1849. Marshall Hill, father of our subject, accompanied his parents on the perilous journey over the plains, in 1852. He was an active participant in the Indian war of Rogue River, in 1855 and 1856, and in the Piute war in Idaho. He is a fruit grower, residing one mile south of The Dalles, on a farm, with his wife, the mother of our subject.

With his parents young Hill moved to Gilliam county when he was about six years of age. Two years afterward they moved to The Dalles, and our subject attended public schools and worked on the farm. He received the benefit of a course at the high school at The Dalles. In 1897 he went with the Lane brothers of The Dalles where he learned the trade of a blacksmith. With them he remained until March, 1902, when he located at Dufur, and purchased his present shop front the Summer Fallow Machine Company. Later he associated himself with Mr. Robinson as a partner. They have one of the best equipped shops of the kind in the country, doing all descriptions appertaining to the trade. They employ one man the year round, and the greater portion of the time they have two helpers. Mr. Hill has one brother and three sisters; Roy, with his parents at The Dalles; Melissa, who taught school at The Dalles twelve years, and is now one of the faculty of McMinnville College; Julia, who has taught ten years; and Bertha, wife of J.B. Spite, a Baptist minister, at Hood River, Oregon.

Mr. Hill was married at The Dalles, September 6, 1898, to Lulu J. Berrian, born at Goldendale, Washington, the daughter of James and Leona (Wendell) Berrian. Her father died when Mrs. Hill was nine years of age. At present her mother resides at Hood River. Mrs. Hill has three brothers and one sister; James, in the employment of the government fish hatchery at Roseburg, Oregon; George, with a mercantile firm, at Portland; Howard, at Portland; and Ada, wife of Lucius Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have two children, Lois and Howard. Our subject is a member of the United Artisans, the I.O.O.F., and politically is a prohibitionist. Personally he is a fine, progressive gentleman, and an influential citizen.