

FREDERIC H. HILLGEN is one of the leading farmers of the Tygh ridge. He is a member of the family of Hillgens, all of whom have made excellent success in farming and stock raising in this county. The father is one of the heaviest land owners in Wasco county and is a man of remarkable ability in his chosen enterprise. Our subject dwells about nine miles south from Dufur, and owns a nice estate of five hundred and forty acres, half of which is under cultivation. The place shows marks of thrift and enterprise and its annual returns are very gratifying. The improvements on the farm are of the best and the residence is a two story, tasty and elegant building. Mr. Hillgen has labored since childhood in this county and on this place for about five or six years. He is well acquainted with Wasco county and many of its citizens and is himself numbered with the leading young men.

Frederic H. Hillgen was born in San Francisco, California, on February 14, 1872, the son of Henry and Louise (Hagan) Hillgen. The father came from Germany, where he was born and reared. Then he dwelt some time in California and later came on to Wasco county where he took a timber culture, a homestead, and a preemption on Tygh ridge. Since those days, he has been one of the leading farmers of the county and each year he has added more land by purchase until he has now between three and four thousand acres of fine wheat and grazing land. He resides in The Dalles and on the farm, and devotes himself to the oversight of his various properties. The mother of our subject was born in Canada.

When Frederic H. was four years of age, he came with the rest of the family to Wasco county, and here he was educated in the district schools and in the Wasco Independent Academy. Following the days of school books, he went to work on the farm and remained with his father until 1898, when he purchased railroad land and settled down to make a home for himself. In this he has succeeded admirably and has a choice place on the ridge. He is one of the most thrifty and careful farmers and receives good rewards for his labors.

On July 1, 1901, at The Dalles, Mr. Hillgen married Miss Agnes LeDuc. To this union two children have been born, Marcella, on September 12, 1902, and J. Hugh, November 8, 1904. Mr. Hillgen has five brothers, George, Arthur, Walter, Frank, and Cleveland, and three sisters, Virginia, at home, Nellie, the wife of Ferd Deitzel, and Alice, at home. In political matters, Mr. Hillgen is a Democrat, but is not a politician in the usual sense of that word, although he is well posted and active.

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