

F. LEROY GRIMES, of the firm of Parkins, Grimes & Company, who have a large and beautiful book and music store at 314 F. Second street, The Dalles, was born on Fifteenmile Creek, eight miles out from Dufur, on October 24, 1881. His parents are mentioned in another portion of this work. Being thus a native son of Wasco county, Mr. Grimes is doubly entitled to representation in any work that purports to speak of the leading men of the country. His early educational training was received at The Dalles graded schools and then he completed the same at Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon. In 1900, he completed his studies then returned home to take up the cattle business. After a few months in the same, however, he found it not congenial to his tastes, consequently, he disposed of his property to his father and accepted a position as bookkeeper with J.H. Smith & Company, hardware merchants of Grass Valley, Sherman county, Oregon. For nine months he labored in this capacity then resigned his position to take up the business that he is now following. He entered into partnership with Herby D. Parkins and from that time until the present they have been attending strictly to the building up of a fine trade. They have a choice stock of all the late books, artworks and literature, carrying all kinds of musical supplies and handle all the leading brands of pianos, organs and other musical instruments. Owing to their ability, their push and their integrity, they have secured both the confidence of the people and a large patronage and are making their store one of the best in Oregon. They are both respected business men and are highly esteemed in this county.

Mr. Grimes has never seen fit to retire from the quiet joys of bachelorhood, although a very popular young man.

Fraternally, he is affiliated with the K.P. and the I.O.O.F. In politics, he is a strong Republican but not particularly active. He is a product of Wasco county in which the county may well take pride, and bids fair to become a leading business man of the country.