

FREDERICK CLAUSEN, who resides about ten miles east from Dufur on one of the finest estates in this part of Wasco county, was born on February 1, 1858, in Denmark. His father, Nicolai Clausen, was born in the same place and married Karen Dinsen, a native of Denmark, and there remained until his death. His widow is still living in that country. Our subject was well educated in his native country and in 1874, came to the United States and finally landed in Sacramento county, California, where he labored for seven years. Then he came to Oregon and in April, 1878, filed on the homestead where he now lives. He also took a timber culture claim and began the good work of improving and making a choice farm. From that time, which was a quarter of a century ago until the present, he has continued steadily in the labors of building up and improving his farm and in stock raising. From time to time, he has bought land adjoining until he now owns one thousand six hundred and ten acres, half of which is under cultivation. From that in cultivation, he raises most bounteous crops of wheat every year and is one of the heaviest wheat producers in this part of the country. He also raises much stock, wintering generally about one hundred and twenty head of cattle and one third as many horses. He has some fine thorough-bred animals, among which is a choice Hereford bull, which is registered. About a year ago, Mr. Clausen erected a fine nine room modern residence, complete in every detail and one of the best places in the county. It is supplied with pure spring water which is forced all over the house by a windmill, has all the conveniences known to modern architecture and is a most comfortable place. Other improvements commensurate therewith are on the farm and the entire estate bears marks of a thrifty and wise proprietor.

On August 31, 1881, in Sacramento, California, Mr. Clausen married Christine Peterson, a native of Sweden and an emigrant to the United States in the same year that our subject came. Mrs. Clausen had one sister, Mrs. Carrie Liken. Mr. Clausen has three brothers, Erik, James and Jorgen. To Mr. and Mrs. Clausen, eight children have been born, Arthur Nicolai, deceased: James, aged twenty-one; Otto, aged sixteen; Arnold, aged fourteen; Cora, aged nineteen; Edna, aged seventeen; Emmie, aged ten; and Clara, aged eight. They are all living at home at present. James is taking a course in the Portland Business College and will graduate in the winter of 1904-1905.

On October 17, 1902, at The Dalles, Oregon, after a year's illness, Mrs. Clausen was called to cross the river of death. She was a good Christian woman, had been a faithful wife and a kind mother and had assisted very materially to accumulate the fortune which Mr. Clausen now owns. It was with great grief that she was at this time taken from her home and family. She had many friends and was for years a devout member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Clausen is a member of the A.F. & A.M. and the W.W. He is an active Republican, is usually a delegate to the county conventions, has been a school director for nineteen years and is central committeeman of his precinct. He was one of the very first settlers in this vicinity where he now resides and has done very much to open up and build up the country.

Mr. Clausen and his wife had a very unique wedding journey which was commenced the day after their wedding, with a team and continued overland through northern California and Oregon to The Dalles. They had a very pleasant trip and many sweet memories are attached to it.

Mr. Clausen is one of the highly respected men of the county and is looked up to and advised with because of his wisdom, integrity and sound judgment.