

FRANK IRVINE is one of the leading business men of Wasco county and now stands at the head of a large general merchandise establishment at Antelope, which his skill and progressiveness have made one of the best in this part of the county. He has an extensive town and country trade which is growing very rapidly. Mr. Irvine is known as a man of stamina and principle and his business is conducted in such a manner that he wins and retains the friendship of all who come in contact with him.

Frank Irvine was born on his father's farm two miles northwest from The Dalles, on October 24, 1860, his parents being John and Catherine (Keith) Irvine, the father a native of Indiana and the mother descended from an old southern family. The father's parents came from Scotland and he died at The Dalles in 1902. The mother died at The Dalles, in 1898. She and her husband both came to Oregon in 1852. He came alone, being sixteen years of age, and she made the journey in company with her parents. They settled near The Dalles and later moved to southern Oregon. Our subject's father remained near The Dalles and later took a donation claim which is now owned by a man named Allen. Mr. Irvine lived on the place some years and was there during the Indian troubles. He spent one year at the Cascades and also was occupied in the Snake war. About 1895, he sold his farm to Ed Kelsay and Joles Brothers. Kelsay soon sold the place to Mr. Allen. The elder Mr. Irvine had poor health the latter part of his life and went to California, Klamath county, Oregon, and other places to recuperate. Our subject was educated in the district schools and in the Wasco Independent Academy, after which he entered the employment of the O.R. & N. Following that, we find him engaged with Wingate & Company, and French & McFarland. In 1891 he came to Antelope and worked for Bolton & Company two months. Then he entered into business with Edward Wingate, the firm being known as Wingate & Company. Later, Mr. Irvine purchased his partner's interest and has conducted the business alone since. He carries a fifteen thousand dollar stock of well selected general merchandise and caters so thoroughly to the interests and wants of the people of the town and surrounding country that he has a very extensive and substantial patronage. He is a business man of ability and is also public spirited and broad minded so that he gives generously of his time and attention to every enterprise that is for the building up of the country.

In February, 1882, at The Dalles, Mr. Irvine married Lydia M. Walker, a native of California and the daughter of William H. and Julia Walker, both now deceased. The father was a native of Missouri and came to California in early days. Mr. Irvine has one sister, Alice, the wife of Henry Lorenzen, who lives near The Dalles. Mrs. Irvine has one brother, Jephtha, who lives at St. Helens, Oregon, and three half brothers, Orville, Clarence and Preston, near Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine have one child, Bertha E.

Mr. Irvine is a member of the A.F. & A.M., the I.O.O.F., the A.O.U.W. and the W.W. He is past grand of Virtue lodge, No. 40, of the I.O.O.F. and has twice been representative to the grand lodge of that order. Politically he is a Republican and takes especial interest in school matters. He has also served considerable time as city treasurer and is now a member of the council. In addition to the business above mentioned, Mr. Irvine has a half interest in a store at Ashwood, Crook county, known as the Irvine & Hamilton Mercantile House.