

GEORGE COOPER, one of Wasco county's popular and rising young men who has shown marked thrift and industry in his labors, which presage a bright future for him, resides about a mile south from The Dalles and has spent his entire life in this section.

He was born in The Dalles, on March 25, 1868. His father, Robert Cooper, was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland and came to Canada when nineteen years of age. After six years' residence there, he came to Douglas county, Oregon in 1860 and two years later, removed to The Dalles and engaged in teaming. In 1870, he filed on a homestead just south from The Dalles, where he now lives. He married a native Scotch girl who is still living with him. The high schools of The Dalles and a business college of Portland completed the education of our subject, then he took up commercial work for a short time. After that, he bought forty acres of land from the Marshall Hill estate and is devoting the same almost entirely to orchard. He also raises melons and other vegetables and has a very beautiful and valuable place.

On June 15, 1898, at The Dalles, Mr. Cooper married Miss Frances E. Rowe, who was born in that part of Wasco county which now forms Wheeler county. Her father, Joseph K. Rowe, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and his father, of England. He came to the United States with his parents when an infant, and served in the Civil War, confederate army, Fortieth Missouri Infantry, under Captain George B. Clark. During the latter part of the war, he was engaged in the repair shops and in 1866, came to Oregon. He settled in the John Day country, which was then almost uninhabited, and there remained until 1881, then moved to The Dalles and took a position in the Oregon Railroad and Navigation shops and later, went to Portland. In June, 1903, at St. Vincent hospital, Portland, he was called away by death. He was a member of the Congregational church, the A.F. & A.M. and a highly respected citizen. The mother of Mrs. Cooper was Martha V. (Dedman) Rowe, a native of Tennessee and descended from an old and prominent southern family. Her father had extensive machine shops and foundries at Camden, Arkansas when the Civil War broke out. They were confiscated by the confederate army and he was pressed into service. After the war, he secured three thousand dollars for his entire property for which he had been offered thirty thousand dollars previously. His death occurred in Idaho, on July 13, 1902 and he was a Mason of sixty-two years' standing. After the war, he settled in Texas, traveling later to Oregon. Mr. Cooper has one brother, John Cooper and three sisters, Ella Taylor, Annie, Katie and Lura. Mrs. Cooper has one brother, Walter C., and two sisters, Nona, wife of Henry Readell, in The Dalles, and Lulu C.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the I.O.O.F., the Artisans and the Methodist church. Mrs. Cooper is a member of the Congregational church. They have two children, Helen, born May 7, 1901 and Glen R., born October 3, 1903.

Mr. Cooper is a Republican, has attended the conventions but is not very active in this work although staunch.