

GEORGE I. SLOCOM is conducting a book and stationery store, in the new brick block owned by his uncle, E.L. Smith. He is a young man and gives his attention strictly to business and is working up a fine business. He was born in Illinois, on September 19, 1878, the son of Charles and Eva (Hartman) Slocum, natives of Woodstock, Illinois, and Pennsylvania, respectively. The Slocoms came right from New York and are a very old and prominent family, John Slocum of the Civil war, being a member of that family. The mother's people were Pennsylvania Dutch. The father died in 1884 and the mother in the same year. This occurred in Illinois and our subject was left an orphan when five years of age. His aunt brought him and his brother, Charles L., aged three, to Oregon to live. They were in the care of their uncle, E.L. Smith. Fate had given them a very excellent home and they received as kind care and treatment as though children of that family. George I. studied in the graded schools of Hood River then spent some time in Pacific university at Forest Grove. After that, he was occupied with his uncle on the fruit farm for three years then he entered the employ of the American Steel and Wire Company of Portland. That continued for three years. At the end of that time he was appointed on the exhibit corps for the Buffalo and Charleston World's Fairs in the department of horticulture for the state of Oregon. This occupied him for two years, then in June, 1902, he returned to Hood River. His father was a newspaper editor and our subject imbibed naturally, a liking for books and the business which he is now following appealed strongly to him, consequently he opened a shop in Hood River. He has a neat, attractive place, supplied with everything carried in this kind of a store. His genialty and deferential treatment of all have brought him a nice patronage and his business is growing rapidly.

Mr. Slocum is a member of the order of Pendo. Politically, he is a strong Republican and was secretary of the Roosevelt league. He has two brothers and one sister: L. Leroy now employed in the American Wire and Steel Company in San Francisco; James B., a school boy in Chicago; and Elinor, wife of Fred Greiner, a bookkeeper in the Illinois Terra Cotta Lumber Company of Chicago.

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