

HANS LAGE. There is no more substantial class of people under the stars and stripes than those who have come to our shores from the fatherland. They are people of industry and thrifty habits, with good ideas of government, industrious and loyal and they are representative Americans in every respect, and much of the brilliant success of this great nation is due to the wise and devoted efforts of her German citizens. Among these people we are constrained to mention the gentleman, whose name appears above, who has performed a work in Wasco county that entitles him to the position of pioneer builder of the country. He is well known and is considered one of the leading and influential men of Hood river valley. He resides on the east side of the river, about four miles south from Hood River, where he has a fine large estate, productive and valuable. He was born in Holstein, Germany, on March 18, 1847. His father, Joachim, was a native of the same place and died there in 1875. He married Miss Abel Weise, also a native of the same locality where she is now living, aged eighty-seven. For a score of years, Hans Lage lived in Germany and gained his education there and learned well the way of the farmer and husbandmen, then it being 1867, he journeyed to the United States and settled in the vicinity of Davenport, Iowa, where he did farming. He rented until 1875, when he came to Hood River and after due investigation, selected the place where he is now residing and took it as a homestead. One hundred and ten acres are under cultivation and his crops are diversified. His farm is a model of neatness, thrift and wisdom and for thirty years he has not only done a good work in this line but has stimulated scores of others to worthy efforts.

At Davenport, Iowa, in 1871, Mr. Lage married Miss Lena Hock, a native of Germany. Her father, Claus Hock, came from Germany to the United States in 1854, this daughter then being two years of age. He farmed in Iowa for many years and in 1875, came to Hood River and took a homestead near where our subject now lives. His death occurred in 1887. His wife is a native of Germany and died at Davenport, Iowa. He served for nine months in the Civil War and was discharged on account of injuries. After his wife's death, in 1874, he married Miss Bertha Miller, who died in Hood River in 1886. Mr. Lage has two brothers in Davenport, Iowa, Claus and Ferdinand; two brothers in Germany, Heinrich and Peter; and two sisters, Trena, wife of Henry Viedal and Marguerite, wife of Dilloff Haas, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Lage has one half brother, Julius C. and one half sister, Minnie, wife of Carl Jenson. To our subject and his wife, the following named children have been born: Henry F., manager of the Moody farm, and mentioned elsewhere in this work; Bernhardt, in Hood River; Edward E. and Charles, at home; Meta A., wife of W.P. Scobey, Hood River, a farmer; Emma, wife of John Koberg, at Hood River; Laura, wife of Alex. J. Henderson, Bigham, Washington; Alfred, William and Celia, deceased.

Mr. Lage is a member of the K.O.T.M. and in politics, he is a staunch and active Republican. He is frequently at the conventions, where he is an influential and active figure. At the present time, he is road overseer of his district and a school director. Mr. Lage is one of the whole souled, genial and generous men who look on the bright side of life and takes his joy as he goes along. Consequently, he has won very many friends and is admired and beloved by all.