

HORACE S. RICHMOND, who resides at Mt. Hood, is one of the prosperous and enterprising farmers of this valley, and owns and operates a place which is valuable and highly productive. He was born in Springfield, Ohio, on May 12, 1855. His father, Shephard W. Richmond, was born at Sherburne Falls, Massachusetts, and his parents were natives of the same place and from a prominent New England family. He married Miss Lucretia Patch, a native of Wakefield, Massachusetts. The Patch family dates back to colonial days and Johnson Patch, the father of Mrs. Richmond, fought under Ethan Allen. The ancestors of our subject are all deceased, as are his brothers and sisters. He was married in New Hampshire, on September 11, 1879, to Martha A. Bailey, a native of Brookline, New Hampshire. The Bailey family came from Great Britain in 1635, and were of Scotch-Irish extraction. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Ohio and New Hampshire, whither the father removed. He was a skilled cabinetmaker and carpenter. During the Civil war he enlisted in an Ohio regiment and served with distinction in that struggle. Horace S. remained with his father until the latter's death in Brookline, then went to Reading, Massachusetts, and wrought at cabinetmaking. This was in 1886, and three years later, he came to Spokane, it being just after the fire, and followed various occupations until he journeyed to Whatcom, one year later. Laundry work engaged him a year and next we find him in Portland, city salesman for Beach & Company, paint merchants. He remained with them until 1893, when he came to Hood River valley and filed on the place where he now resides. He has cleared twenty acres and raises diversified crops. Mr. Richmond has been in partnership with Willard W. Nason, and together they owned half a section. They have sold one quarter and are now giving their attention to the development and cultivation of the other one hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Nason is a native of Maine and is an industrious agriculturist of the valley. Politically, our subject is a Republican and stanch, but not especially active in the campaigns.

Since the above was written, Mr. Richmond sold his farm to B.F. Gray, and will make his home in Hood River. He contemplates entering the mercantile world, and his sterling business ability will insure success in his ventures.

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