

JOHN H. STIRNWEIS is one of the substantial and thrifty farmers in the vicinity of Boyd. He was born in Germany on October 20, 1837, the son of Frederick and Kunigunda (Walters) Stirnweis, both natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1851, settling first in Baltimore where he remained until 1855, then he went to Westminster in that state and there he remained until the time of his death in 1859. He practically retired from business after coming to the United States having made a goodly competence before. The mother died in Baltimore, in 1863. Our subject learned the shoemaker trade in Baltimore, after having received a good education, and worked at the same for many years. On April 20, 1863, he came via Nicaragua to San Francisco, and in various places in California worked at his trade, finally settling in Tulare county. There he bought land and raised sheep for twenty years. On January 1, 1886, he landed in The Dalles and shortly after bought two hundred and forty acres of land where he resides at present near Boyd. He is giving his attention to general farming, and raises horses, cattle and hogs. He is thrifty, prosperous and a leading farmer.

On January 4, 1870, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Tulare county, California. Mr. Stirnweis married Miss Mary A. McCoy, who was born in Missouri, on April 24, 1854, the daughter of Henson and Clarissa (Rusher) McCoy, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Stirnweis has no brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Bachman, a widow, and Mrs. Mary Gabriel. To Mr. and Mrs. Stirnweis the following named children have been born: William, who resides on the farm two miles distant from the home place; George, at Nansene postoffice; Washington, at home; Omer, a school boy; Annie, the wife of Frank Hathaway, of Portland; Maggie, the wife of James Underhill, in Tygh valley; Hattie, the wife of Marshall Poppleton, in Portland.

Mr. Stirnweis is a member of the A.O.U.W. and also belongs to the Lutheran church. Politically, he is a Democrat and always takes a lively interest in the affairs of the county and state. He has been director in district number thirty-one since coming here and is a zealous advocate of good schools.

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