

LEWIS E. MORSE stands at the head of a prosperous livery and transfer business in Hood River. His ability as a business was is well known and his stirring and energetic qualities have won for him a lucrative business. He was born in Otisco county, Michigan, on August 5, 1858. His father, Charles F. Morse, was born in New York and followed farming. Three brothers of the Morse family came to the colonies in 1704 and from them descended the present large family of Morses, who have been prominent in all the struggles from colonial days down to the present. They have produced many men of note, and one, known all over the world, is Prof. S.F.B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph. Many men of prominence in the professions and the leading walks of life have been numbered in this family. Charles F. Morse married Anabel Belding, a native of Massachusetts and from a prominent colonial family of New England. Her mother was an Ellis, also a leading family. Both of these families, whose genealogy our subject possesses, were prominent in all the wars on American soil and always on the side of the rising nation, now so great. Our subject was reared in Michigan until sixteen, when he went to Kansas, whence in 1889, he came to Hood River. His education was secured in the public schools and he was well trained in business ways. He took a timber claim here and two years later opened up a livery business in Hood River. Two years after this he sold this and accepted the postmastership under Cleveland, holding the same for four years. Then came two years in general merchandising in White Salmon, Washington. After that venture, he sold out and bought the business where he is operating today. He does a good business and also owns other property besides a good residence and three lots.

On August 3, 1879, Mr. Morse married Miss Dora Markley, the wedding occurring at Beloit, Kansas. Mrs. Morse was born in Illinois, and died in September, 1890, leaving two children. In 1893, Mr. Morse married Frances McCoy, at Hood River, who was born in Texas, the daughter of Isaac and Mary McCoy, natives of Virginia. The father is now living with our subject. Mr. Morse has two brothers, Charles L. and Fred, and one sister, Mrs. Nellie D. Raines. Mrs. Morse has one brother George, and two sisters, Mrs. California Wolford and Mrs. Rebecca Taylor. Mr. Morse has two children, Theresa, the wife of Charles Castner, of Hood River, who is mentioned elsewhere; and Charles with his father. Mr. Morse is postmaster of Hood River, No. 105, A.F. & A.M.; is past grand Idlewild, No. 107, I.O.O.F. high priest of the Encampment; and past patron of the O.E. S. Mrs. Morse is past noble grand of Laurel lodge of the Rebekahs.