

LEON RONDEAU, a man of stability and enterprise, has demonstrated his ability to make a first class success in Wasco county, where he has been a leading farmer for man years. He resides about six miles east from Kingsley and is one of the best known and most popular men on the ridge. He has bought and sold considerable land, handling twelve or fifteen sections, and now owns eleven hundred and twenty acres of land including three-fourths of a section of timber land. This year he harvested five hundred acres of wheat, all first class, and in addition to that he handled, as he does each year, a steam thresher. Mr. Rondeau has a choice farm, and it is provided with all the improvements that could be suggested for a first class Oregon wheat farm and everything indicates him a man of thrift and sagacity. He is a leader in the community and numbers his friends from every quarter.

Leon Rondeau was born in Montreal, Can-ada, on June 11, 1860, the son of Elzeard and Seraphine (Gilbeau) Rondeau, both natives of the place where our subject was born. In fact, the ancestors on both sides of the house were born in that vicinity for generations back, the first ones there being among the earliest settlers of the section. The father was a mechanic and later removed to Vermont. The mother died in that state. Our subject was twelve when the family made that move and until 1878, he worked in the factories of Vermont. Then he came with his father to Wasco county, coming via San Francisco. The father took a homestead near Kingsley and remained here until his death, which occurred in the house where our subject now lives. The last years of the father's life were spent in the home of his son. He was a man of many virtues and had many friends. Our subject lived here continuously since coming and has labored steadily with the result that he is now possessed of a very valuable property. For twelve successive years he sheared sheep and his record is one hundred and fifty-five in one day. This seems marvelous and is worthy of a position along side of some of the wonderful feats of the land. In fact, it far surpasses those which are made simply for pastime or for the sake of the record alone. Physical effort placed in a calling of commercial value like this is much more worthy than that simply for the name.

At McMinnville, Oregon, occurred the wedding of Mr. Rondeau and Miss Elizabeth Touzin, and the date was October 28, 1889. Mrs. Rondeau was born near Montreal, the daughter of Alexis and Amedile (Boucher) Touzin. The parents were both natives of Montreal and their ancestors for generations back were also born there. They were among the old and prominent French families there. Mr. Rondeau has the following named brothers and sisters, Reme, Joseph, Edward, Mrs. Delia Pattenaude, Mrs. Celia Williams and Mrs. Louisa Perrault. Mrs. Rondeau has one sister, Mrs. Cordelia Poulette. To Mr. and Mrs. Rondeau the following named children have been born: Alexis, a student in Rigaud College, in Canada; Cordelia, studying in a sisters college in Quebec; Alfred E. and Rosaline, both at home; Dona, deceased; and Justine. Mr. Rondeau is a member of the W.W. and the Maccabees. He and his wife belong to the Roman Catholic church and are devout supporters of the faith. They are people of prominence in this part of the county and have won the admiration and good will of all.