

LOUIS L. LANE, a resident of The Dalles, Wasco county, is one of the most expert mechanics in his line in the entire northwest. He is a blacksmith and wagon maker, making heavy coach work a specialty. He was born in Linn county, Oregon, July 24, 1861, the son of Andrew W. and Indiana (Smith) Lane, natives of Indiana. The father comes from the old and distinguished Lane family of Kentucky and Indiana, and he crossed the plains in 1853, locating in Linn county, where he followed the business of wagon making. He is now retired from business and lives with his son at The Dalles. The mother preceded her husband in Oregon a few years, and they were united in marriage in Linn county, where she died in 1876.

When he was eighteen years old our subject left Linn county and removed to Tygh valley, with his parents. They remained there but two years, going thence to Susanville, Lassen county, California. During his nine years' residence in that locality our subject attended the district schools, and learned his trade from his father. From Susanville he went to Seattle, and two years subsequently came to The Dalles where he opened a blacksmith shop at the corner of Third and Jefferson streets. Mr. Lane employs from four to eight men. He has built many stage coaches that have been satisfactorily in commission all over the state of Oregon. He made the handsome photograph wagon, owned by Gifford, which captured a prize at the last Wasco county fair.

Mr. Lane was married at Milford, California, October 8, 1884, to Hattie E. Miller, born in Pennsylvania. Her father, Elisha Miller, was killed during the Civil war by bushwhackers. Later the widow married Henry Washburn. Mr. Lane has two brothers and three sisters: Morris M., of Shaniko, a wagon maker and blacksmith; Andrew W., in Nevada; Belle, wife of Isaac N. Williams, of Portland; Hattie, married to G.E. Stewart, of Portland; and Agnes, single and residing at Portland. Mrs. Lane has three half brothers and one half sister: Charles, at Mount Vernon, Washington; Ray, at San Francisco; Vernon H., at Big Lake, Washington; and Ida May, wife of A.H. Brunsing, of Calgary, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Lane have one child, Gladys, aged five years. Fraternally he is a member of the A.F. & A.M., K. of P., I.O.O.F. and W.O.W. Although a staunch Republican he is not particularly active and by no means a rabid partisan. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.