

LAURENCE N. BLOWERS was a prominent business man of Flood River for fifteen years, but tiring of the exacting and arduous life of a merchant, sold his business here in March, 1904, and was appointed Deputy United States Marshall upon the recommendation of United States Senator Charles W. Fulton and Representative J.N. Williamson. He is therefore residing temporarily at Portland. His birth occurred in Iowa, on April 18, 1867, his parents being Amby S. and Ellen (Damon) Blowers, who are particularly mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

When an infant, our subject was taken by his parents to Minnesota and thence, with the family, which consisted of his parents and eight children, he came to Oregon. His education was received from the schools in the various places where he had resided and when fifteen years of age, he embarked in business with his father. In 1889, they came to Hood River, and soon there-after, they bought out E.L. Smith, a leading merchant, and since that time they have continued at the head of a large business. However, our subject has spent one year in Sumpter, Oregon, where he was in the mercantile business and while in that town, he was elected mayor. He was also, the second mayor of Hood River, and in these public capacities, as in private life, the same care and faithfulness characterized his acts. For three years, Mr. Blowers served as lieutenant of Company D, Oregon National Guards, his father being captain.

At Hood River, on August 29, 1891, Mr. Blowers married Miss Bertha Mifflin, a native of Washington, D.C. Her father, Charles H. Mifflin, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, coming from a family well known in history for worth and prominence. One of the family, Major General Thomas Mifflin, was president of the Continental Congress and later, first governor of Pennsylvania. The county and town of Mifflin, Pennsylvania were named from this family. Charles H. Mifflin married Miss Alice Lipscomb, a native of Washington, D.C., and descended from a leading Virginia family. Mrs. Blowers has one sister, Elizabeth, wife of W.J. Parker, a merchant in Denver, Colorado. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blowers, namely Paul Mifflin, Loyd Mifflin, Ellen and Ruth. Mr. Blowers is a member of the A.F. & A.M., and a man of excellent standing and prestige in the community.