

MARSHALL HILL, who resides about one mile south from The Dalles, is one of the earliest pioneers of Oregon and has passed a thrilling and eventful career. He is one of the highly esteemed men of Wasco county and is respected by all. His birth occurred in Knoxville, Tennessee, on April 17, 1836, being the son of Claiborne and Polly (Cates) Hill, both natives of eastern Tennessee. The father's ancestors were natives of Virginia and of English extraction, while the mother's people were a prominent southern family. Our subject came to Iowa with his parents in 1839, where the father bought a large quantity of land from the government. Being a sickly man, he depended on his sons to handle the, extensive farm, and our subject learned to handle the plow when a lad of twelve years. The schooling was three months in the winter, and as the opportunity was limited, young Hill was forced to rely largely on his own personal research for his training. In 1852, the father sold his Iowa land and purchased two hundred cattle and twenty horses and mules and came west to Oregon. Upon arriving here he had fifty cattle, three horses and two mules. They settled near Brownsville, and the father died in 1855. Marshall enlisted in Captain Blakeley's company to fight in the Rogue river war and served until peace was restored. Following that he joined his uncle in care of his cattle at Suisun, California, and remained until the stock was destroyed in a flood. Then they both went to mining on the Cob river in Arizona. They organized a company with Judge Watson and other prominent Californians as stockholders, and went to developing the claims. All was progressing smoothly until the Apache Indians attacked them and they fled for their lives. They hurried across Death valley and only by the friendly occurrence of a terrible simoon were they saved from the murderous savages. Several of their party were killed by the storm. Mr. Hill and his uncle were not to be thwarted and later, as they had done before, they dealt telling blows to the savages and many an one bit the dust in mortal combat with these successful Indian fighters. Mr. Hill eventually made his way back to Oregon, and then to Idaho, near Silver City, and finally he came to the vicinity of The Dalles, where he has been since. His time has been devoted to stock raising and he has succeeded well in a financial point of view. Mr. Hill has clone much excellent labor for the church to which he belongs as well as for the cause in general, and he is known far and near as an enthusiastic worker in this line, as well as in political matters, being a zealous Prohibitionist.

At Albany, Oregon, on March 29, 1868, Mr. Hill married Miss P. Belinda Thomas, who was born in Illinois, the daughter of Argalous and Julia Thomas, natives of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Hill the following named children have been born: Edwin M., operating a blacksmith shop in Dufur; Roy, with his parents: Melissa, a member of the faculty of the McMinnville college; Julia, a teacher of experience; and Bertha, wife of J. B. Sprite, a Baptist minister at Harrington, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are zealous and faithful members of the Baptist church in The Dalles and are great workers in the cause of the gospel and prohibition. Mr. Hill is vice-president of the Prohibition League of The Dalles.

Mr. Hill was one of the most fearless Indian fighters on the frontier, and was in many engagements in various places. He was in charge of the scouts under General Crook, in Idaho, in 1867.