

MENZO C. SELLECK. Many pioneers have foiled in the territory now occupied by Wasco county for many years to make it the prosperous section that it is today. Perhaps the most important ones of this large number are the farmers and among them we are constrained to mention the subject of this sketch, who resides about six miles east from Boyd where, in partnership with his son, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, he has a nice farm. He has shown those stanch qualities possessed by the pioneer, has achieved results in the building up of the county affairs and the work that he has done speaks for itself. He first came to this country in about 1882 and settled on a preemption in Sherman county. A year later, he abandoned that and entered the employ of the O.R. & N., where he was occupied in building bridges, stations and so forth one year, then entered the shops at The Dalles, remaining nine years. Later, he settled on a place which is now the family home and since then has given his entire attention to general farming.

Menzo C. Selleck was born in Richland, New York, on December 17, 1848, the son of Hinman and Lucy J. (Philbrick) Selleck, natives of New York and New Hampshire, respectively. The father's parents came from England and the mother descended from an old New England family. Our subject was raised and educated in New York and there remained until 1878, when he journeyed west to Iowa. For three years he followed his trade, that of carpenter, there, which he had learned in New York, and then came on to Oregon as stated above.

On July 4, ----, at Carthage, New York, Mr. Selleck married Miss Nettie I. Parker, who was born near North Adams, Massachusetts. Her parents were natives of the same place. Mr. Selleck has the following brothers and sisters: Charles H., in Wright county, Iowa; Edgar A., at Willapa, Washington; Wilfred F., in Wright county, Iowa; Ellen A., wife of Charles Parkis, in Rome, New York; Frances and Emma, deceased; and Gertrude, deceased, the wife of John Grant.

Mr. Selleck's children are mentioned in the sketch with his son. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and have been for many years. He is a school director, supports the principles of the Republican party and is a progressive and up-to-date citizen.