

MILES P. ISENBERG is one of the well known men of Wasco county. He was born on September 1, 1843, in Huntington county, Pennsylvania. His father, William, was a native of the same place and was born in 1797, and his parents came from Maryland, in 1761. They were natives of Germany who were brought to America when children, by their parents. The name was originally Von Isenberg, and they are one of the old German families which dates back for many centuries. Arnold Von Isenberg was archbishop of Treves during the time of King Rudolph of the fourteenth century. He had charge of the fictitious holy coat of Christ, and the family still hold important positions in the German government. Prince Karl Isenberg is today a member of the Prussian house of lords. Robert Barr, in his historical novel, Tekia, gives a history of Arnold Von Isenberg and his times. They were a race of warriors, priests, preachers and patriots. In this country, the Isenbergs have been prominent in every American struggle and on October 11, 1861, our subject enlisted in Company E, Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and first saw action in Drainsville, fighting under McClellan. He was in the battles under that general and was wounded in the battle of Catlett Station, by a saber cut on the arm. In August, 1865, Mr. Isenberg was mustered out of service, having participated in nearly all the battles of the Army of the Potomac. After the war, he prospected for some years and in 1876, went to Iowa, later to Nebraska, then to Kansas, where he lived fourteen years. He was twice sheriff of Rooks county, Kansas, and then was appointed special agent for the general land office. Afterward he came to Hood River, in that office, and, liking the country, resigned his position and bought property here. He was later appointed supervisor of the Cascade Forest Reserve with division headquarters at Hood River. He owns a farm on Belmont place and raises strawberries and apples.

On October 9, 1866, at Alexander, Pennsylvania, Mr. Isenberg married Miss Tillie A. Jones, who was born in Franklin Forge, Pennsylvania. Her parents, Isaac and Tillie A. (McMutrie) Jones were natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Isenberg has the following named brothers and sisters: Three pairs of twins, who died in infancy; Benjamin, Rebecca, Sarah, Alfred K., Susannah, Rosanna, Marie, Louisa, and Marshall. Mrs. Isenberg's brothers and sisters are named as follows: Arthur, Henry, Ella, Katie, Marietta, Fanny, and Jane. To our subject and his wife ten children have been born; Lydia E., wife of S. W. Arnold, contractor and builder at Hood River; Bess, a teacher in the Hood River valley; William, now in the employ of William Steward, of Hood River; Howard, principal of the schools at Cascade Locks; Marshall H., at home; Walter A., a merchant in Hood River; Ellie E., Elmer W., Pearl I. and Lena L., at home.

Mr. Isenberg is a member of the G.A.R., and has been very prominent in these circles, holding many important official positions. He is a strong Republican and a man of ability and influence. He has, at this writing, just completed a term as sergeant-at-arms of the twenty-third session of the Oregon legislature, having the record of being a very efficient officer.