

NORRIS M. LANE, a blacksmith and wagonmaker at Shaniko, Oregon, has one of the finest establishments in this part of the city and is known as a master mechanic. He was born in Eugene, Oregon, on August 26, 1866, being the son of Andrew W. and Indiana (Smith) Lane, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Until ten years of age, our subject attended the public schools at Springfield, a little place three miles east from Eugene and studied there until eighteen, when the family moved to California. Then he learned wagonmaking and the blacksmith trade. After that, he wrought as a cooper making butter kegs at Buntingville for three years. He remained in Lassen county until twenty-four, then returned to the Willamette valley and worked a few weeks at Portland. It was 1891, when he landed at Bakeoven without a cent in his pocket, and an entire stranger. After looking the country over for three days, he bought a small shop, giving his note payable in one year for the property. The following June, he sent for his brother, Lewis, who was then in The Dalles for his health. Lewis joined our subject and together they wrought until fall, then they began partnership and for nine years they conducted a business both in Bakeoven and at The Dalles. They sold out at Bakeoven in 1894. When the railroad came to Shaniko, the Lane brothers dissolved partnership and our subject came here in March, 1900. He erected a little shop eighteen by twenty and the first job he did was on April first for the townsite company. Lewis remained in The Dalles, and our subject began at once to build up a good trade here at Shaniko. By June first, he commenced to erect a commodious building thirty by sixty feet, with an addition twenty by forty feet to be used as a harness shop. Mr. Lane employs three men all the time and sometimes has five. He is a splendid mechanic, having the reputation of being one of the best workmen in the country. The result is, that he is handling a large trade and is known as one of the substantial business men of the town.

On November 1, 1896, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Lane county, Oregon, Mr. Lane married Elizabeth A. Whitsett, who was born near Eugene, the daughter of George W. and Betty (Harlow) Whitsett. The brothers and sister of our subject are named in the biography of his father found in this volume.

Mr. Lane is a member of the K.P. and in politics, is Republican. He has been two years school director and councilman, since the town was incorporated.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane have one child, Floyd M.