

ORVILLE WINGFIELD was born in fair Oregon, a son of a native Oregonian. The birth of our subject occurred in Clackamas county, on December 20, 1874. His father, Joseph C. Wingfield, was born in Oregon and his parents, the grandparents of our subject, crossed the plains with ox teams in 1844. He now lives in Thompson's addition in The Dalles. The mother of our subject, Alice G. (Ramsby) Wingfield, was also, born in Clackamas county. Her parents were natives of Ohio and crossed the plains with ox teams also. A more extended mention of these worthy pioneers is made elsewhere in this volume, however, we are constrained to and that our subject came from that stanch and worthy blood which supplied the soldiers and made the desert blossom as the rose. He was educated principally at Dufur where the family moved when he was about eight years of age. When three, the family had gone from Clackamas county to Grant county, Oregon whence they removed to Dufur. He remained with his parents until about twenty-one years of age then started in life for himself. For three years, he was occupied in working for wages at various places and then he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land where he now resides. To this he has added until he now has seven hundred and twenty acres, one of the fine farms of the country. Nearly five hundred acres are placed under tribute to produce wheat and he harvests annually about thirty-five bushels to the acre. He also handles from twenty to thirty head of horses. It then is seen that Mr. Wingfield is a man of energy and aggressiveness, that he is possessed of skill and wisdom, all of which have opened to him the fine abundance that he now possesses. He has one brother, Elton, a mining man of Baker City, Oregon, and two sisters, Cora A., living at Baker City, Oregon, who graduated from The Dalles high school in 1893, and Iva L., living with our subject. Politically, Mr. Wingfield is independent. He is a well informed man on the issues and questions of the day, keeps abreast of the times and is an energetic and enterprising citizen.

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