

OWEN JONES, who is one of the leading farmers of the Tygh Ridge country, is a man of stability and industry, as is evidenced by the fact that when he came here he was not possessed of any earthly goods, but went to work with his hands and is now the owner of twenty-two hundred acres of good land, farm and pasture, besides having much stock. The place has been improved from time to time as he has found the need, and is today a valuable estate. Mr. Jones is a man of sagacity and plans carefully in his enterprises and then with a sure hand executes his plans to the line. This, with his untiring care of details insures him the best of success and his business could but prosper under his guidance.

Owen Jones was born in Wales, on June 9, 1869, the son of Robert and Sarah (Jones) Jones; both natives of Wales. The father died in his native place, but the mother is still living there. Our subject was well educated in the public schools, and in 1888, came to the new world to find the fortune that was awaiting him here. He spent the first eighteen months in Utica, New York, then came to the land of promise, Oregon, where he soon decided to try his fortune in Wasco county. After looking over the country, he decided on the place where he now dwells as a homestead and filed. Since then he has transformed the prairie claim into a valuable farm and has added betimes by purchase until he owns now the magnificent estate we have already mentioned. It is no small task to start on the raw prairie with one's bare hands and in a few years have a fine farm, plenty of stock and all improvements needed, as any one will testify who has tried the scheme. But Mr. Jones was equal to the task and he has now to show a handsome property. He winters many cattle and sells annually about seventy-five hogs, all being the fine Poland China breed. His cattle number usually about one hundred head, sometimes more. His place is neat and thrifty, and he is making the wealth that his labors deserve.

At The Dalles, on July 10, 1899, Mr. Jones married Miss Sophia Roth, who was born in Kansas, on September 21, 1872. Her parents, John and Margaret (Nunselt) Roth, are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Jones has the following named brothers and sisters: John, William, David, Robert, Ellis, Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Pritchard, Mrs. Elizabeth Seufert, and Catherine.