

PETER A. KIRCHHEINER is now hand-ling a furniture business at Antelope, Oregon. He also handles general house furnishing goods and is doing a very nice business. He was born in Denmark, on September 25, 1862, the son of Alexis and Marie (Peterson) Kirchheiner, both natives of Denmark. The mother is still living there but the father died in 1901, aged seventy-one. He was a graduate of a teacher's seminary and followed the work of the educator during his life. After completing the public schools, our subject took a course in the Handelskole, a commercial college in Aalberg, Denmark, after which he served five years in the grocery business. Then he came to the United States in 1883 and journeyed from New York to California direct. Soon after, he came to Sherman county and took a pre-emption and timber culture at the head of Finnegan Canyon. Having no capital whatever, it was a time of much hardship and labor. Nine years later, he sold out and came to Antelope and engaged in the blacksmithing and wagonmaking business with his brother, Alexis M. F., who is now living in Prairie City. They were together two and one half years when he purchased the business and conducted it until 1902, in which year he sold out and engaged in his present business.

On December 15, 1895, at Portland, Mr. Kirchheiner married Mrs. Florence I. Glenn, who was born in the Willamette valley, the daughter of John and Diona (Strickland) Howell, natives of Oregon. The mother died at Wamic. Our subject has two brothers, Carl, a bookbinder in Chicago and Alexis M.F., an attorney at law in Prairie City. He also has four sisters; Agnetha, the wife of Nicolai Stallr, a merchant in Forest Grove; Emma, wife of Jems Clausen, a farmer in Denmark; Guru, a trained nurse in Denmark, and Vitta, with her mother in the old home. Mrs. Kirchheiner has four brothers and one sister; Delmar, who owns a livery stable at Shaniko; Sylvester, in Nome, Alaska; William, a farmer in Crook county; Alfred, a sheep man; Lizzie, wife of John Nester, Portland-Albina, O.R. & N. railroad conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Kirchheiner have no children by this marriage but by her former marriage she has one, Guy S., who is at home.

Our subject is a member of the A.F. & A.M., being junior warden and was secretary several years. He also belongs to the O.E. S. and is secretary. His wife is past matron of the same. In politics, Mr. Kirchheiner is a Republican and quite active. He takes keen interest in everything that is for the improvement and advancement of the country and is a good substantial citizen. He and his wife are both members of the Lutheran church.