

THOMAS C. FARGHER, a sturdy Manx-man, and now one of Wasco county's citizens, is located about seven miles southeast from Dufur. At this point he owns an estate of sixteen hundred acres. In addition, he owns much other land in various parts of the county. He does an extensive business in sheep raising and is a prospered man in this enterprise. He handles about thirty-five hundred sheep. His flocks are ranged in various parts of the country and he also owns several rendezvous as headquarters for sheep raising. Mr. Fargher directs his business in person, and his skill is such that he has been blessed with continued success. He is a genial man, kindly disposed to all, and very optimistic in his views and beliefs. He thoroughly puts into practice the principles of enjoying today's sweets in today, and taking from each occasion its charms and pleasures when presented. No less is he careful to execute in the day the business and duties that belong to that day and the result is that he is a man of today, living, thinking, and doing in the present, not, however, without a keen foresight and prudence for the future.

Thomas C. Fargher was born in the Isle of Man, as would be gathered from the foregoing, and the date of that event was October 18, 1841. His parents and brothers are mentioned elsewhere in this volume therefore we will not give details of them here. Suffice it to say, our subject spent his boyhood days with his father on the farm. When sixteen he went to Manchester, England, and there for six years toiled at the carriage maker's trade. He became master of the art of skillfully handling wood and after five ears in the business, he came to the conclusion that the colonies presented greater opportunities for him than the mother country, and so he went to Melbourne, Australia. He wrought there in his business until 1868, when he came to San Francisco and thence to Sacramento where he did carriage making for wages and then for himself until he sold his shop to his partner in 1874. After that, he was with his brother, Horatio, one winter on the Stickeen river in Alaska, and the following spring he came to Wasco county. Here he took land and for ten years operated with his brother in the sheep business. Then he went for himself and since then, he has continued one of the leading citizens of this county. He purchased his present home place in 1886. He has recently erected a handsome and comfortable residence and all the other improvements are commensurate therewith.

At Vancouver, on September 12, 1895, Mr. Fargher married Miss Ollie E., the daughter of Frank E. and Jane (Crate) Huott. The father was born in Canada and now dwells on Eight-mile creek. The mother is living there also. She was born in Walla Walla, the year of the Whitman massacre, 1847. Her father had come to the west for the Hudson's Bay Company and was in the territory now occupied by Wasco county when no white man lived here. He took a donation claim on what is known as Crate's point, where he expected the town of The Dalles to be. He remained on that place until his death, which occurred in The Dalles, in 1894. Mrs. Fargher has two brothers Frank and Alfred, and three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Barter, Mrs. Mollie Bulger, and Mrs. Charles Zigler. To our subject and his wife, one son has been born, Thomas C., on February 14, 1897. Mr. Fargher is a Republican but never seeks office, although he takes an intelligent interest in the matters of politics and educational affairs. He is popular, and he and his estimable wife are among the substantial people of the county.