

TRUMAN BUTLER, the junior member of the banking house of Butler & Company, at Hood River, is a careful and capable young business man, who is considered one of the rising men of Wasco county. He is associated with his father in the banking business and has shown himself possessed of ability that presages for him a bright future. He enjoys the confidence of the public, and his careful attention to the banking business, his courtesy, geniality, and integrity have made him one of the most popular young men of the county.

Truman Butler was born in Ottawa, Kansas, on January 4, 1872, the son of Leslie and Carrie (Bixler) Butler, who are especially mentioned in another portion of this volume. When ten years of age he came to The Dalles with his father and after attending the public schools entered the Wasco Independent academy. Later he graduated from the Lane University, at Lecompton, Kansas. He immediately returned to The Dalles, it being 1891, and for seven years subsequently, he was purser on the Regulator line of steamers. In 1900, he came to Hood River and was associated with his father in the banking business where he has remained since.

On October 23, 1895, Mr. Butler married Miss Ella Learner, a native of Kansas. The nuptials were celebrated at Lecompton, Kansas. Mrs. Butler's father, William Learner, was born in Pennsylvania, coming from the old Pennsylvania Dutch stock. He was a pioneer in Kansas, and for fifty years was a merchant in Lecompton, being one of the leading men of that part of the state and well and favorably known all over it. He married Miss Emma McCormick, a native of Pennsylvania. They are both living in Lecompton. Mrs. Butler has the following brothers and sisters, Edward B., Coates W., Henry G., and Mrs. Mary Snyder. Mr. Butler is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the A. O. U. W., being worshipful master of the former and receiver of the other.

