

TROY SHELLEY, a farmer residing about seven miles south from Hood River, has also spent a considerable portion of his life in preaching the gospel. In addition to this, for nearly forty years, he has been prominently identified with educational work. He was born on January 6, 1845, in Jefferson county, Iowa and crossed the plains with his parents, as mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He completed his education in the normal school at San Francisco and then taught two years there before coming to Wasco county, in 1870. He taught school all over Wasco county for thirty years, during which time he has given considerable attention to preaching as well, being an ordained minister in the Christian church. He has the distinction of teaching the first school in Tygh valley when he was only nineteen years of age. He came to Hood River in 1885. In June 1890, Mr. Shelley was elected county superintendent of schools for Wasco county on the Republican ticket and was twice reelected; thus serving six years. For a part of this time he lived in The Dalles. Later, he removed to the place where we now find him and is devoting his attention to general farming and preaching.

On June 20, 1871, in Polk county, Oregon, Mr. Shelley married Miss Annie Lewis, who was born in Massachusetts, on February 15, 1851. The fruit of this union has been eight children: Marguerite, now teaching in the school of elocution in Portland; Ralph S., a student at the state university in Eugene; Percy T., in the street railroad business, in Portland; Pauline, wife of Guy Talmage, a manufacturer at Houston, Texas; Albert B., in Portland; Annie H., Jolly M., and Ellen K., all at home.

Mr. Shelley has always taken an active interest in political matters and educational affairs and is a good and upright man.

In his work in the ministry, Mr. Shelley has always labored to get all Christians to work together, believing it the right plan, and as a happy result of this method, there has been erected in his neighborhood a union church.