

WILL FITZPATRICK, a young and enterprising man of Shaniko, was born in San Joaquin county, California, on September 30, 1872. His father, William Fitzpatrick, a native of Illinois, came to California in 1850, crossing the plains with ox teams. He did mining a short time, then took up farming in Calaveras county, where he remained until 1887, and there our subject received the beginning of his education, the same being completed in Oregon. After leaving California at the date last mentioned, the family came to Douglas county, Oregon and did stock raising for two years. Then he came to the vicinity of Shaniko and engaged in sheep raising, renting land near Sherar's bridge. Later, they drove their flocks to Wallowa county where they bought land and continued until 1892. In 1899 they journeyed to Lewis county, Washington, and there the father lives on a ranch owned by our subject. The father married Sophronia Gaines, a native of New York, and living in Illinois at the time of her marriage. After finish-ing his school work, Will Fitzpatrick attended camp for his father for four years. In the same capacity he worked for George Young & Son about four years, and then rented sheep from H.C. Rooper of Antelope. A year later he took his share of the sheep to Washington and sold the same. In 1899 he bought a ranch of sixty acres in Lewis county and since that time, his father has been conducting that place. He was there one year himself and in the spring of 1904, came to Shaniko and bought a one fourth interest in the business Mr. Sanford owned. He had worked for Mr. Sanford some years previous. Later Mr. Fitzpatrick disposed of his interest in the establishment with Mr. Sanford.

On March 19, 1903, at Shaniko, Mr. Fitzpatrick married Margaret C. Mood, a native of North Carolina, whose father was born in North Carolina and mother in Tennessee. Mr. Fitzpatrick has one brother, George S., a farmer in Wallowa county, Oregon. Mrs. Fitzpatrick has three brothers, Frank, John and Grant in Tennessee. One child has been born to our subject and his wife, Elmer G.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is a member of the A.O.U.W. and the Degree of Honor. He is a Republican in politics and is a progressive, public spirited man.