

WILLARD L. VANDERPOOL, one of the earlier settlers and pioneers of Crook county, is a native of the present state, having been born in the territorial days, December 24, 1856. His parents, Larkin and Mary (Turnidge) Vanderpool, were natives of Missouri, the father a descendant of an old Dutch Pennsylvania family. They crossed the plains in 1852 and settled in Benton county, Oregon, where Dr. Larkin Vanderpool practiced medicine, in 1869 migrating to Prineville, Crook county, where he continued the practice of his profession. In 1884, the family removed to Dufur, Wasco county, where he died ten years later. The mother was married in Missouri, and accompanied her husband in the perilous journey across the plains in 1852. Her parents were natives of the North of Ireland. She died in Dufur.

Until the period of his marriage our subject, Willard L., continued to reside with his parents, attending the district schools and working on the homestead. His wife was Miss Mary Heisler, also a native of Oregon, born in Lane county. Her parents were William and Martha (McConnell) Heisler, mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Vanderpool has four brothers and five sisters, sketches of whom appear in other portions of this book. Our subject and his wife are parents of one child, John K., aged seven years. They have lost one little girl, Ada, who died at the age of five.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Vanderpool are with the A.F. & A.M., Wasco Lodge, No. 15; The Dalles Chapter, R.A.M.; Ridgely Lodge, No. 71, I.O.O.F.; Nicholson Encampment; Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 23, all of Dufur; of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., the A.O.U.W., and W.W. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he has frequently been a delegate to county conventions. At present he is mayor of Dufur, serving his second term. In partnership with Hon. T.H. Johnston he owns eight hundred acres of land, six hundred acres of which are devoted to the production of wheat. He is recognized as an active, enterprising citizen, with the best interests of the community at heart, and he has won the confidence of all of his acquaintances by his social characteristics and unimpeachable integrity.

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