

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

FERRY COUNTY

JOHN S. MIRES is at the present time holding a position of overseeing farmer for the Indians on the Colville reservation. He was born in Oakland, Oregon, on February 20, 1863, the son of John H. and Anna (Dear-dorff) Mires, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. They crossed the plains with ox teams in 1853 and settled near Oakland, Oregon, on the Calapooya river, and that place was their home until the time of their death, the father's demise occurring in 1888, and the mother's about 1897. Six children were born to this worthy couple, Austin, Benton, Anna Bonham, Maggie, deceased, Addie M. Cole and John S., the subject of this sketch. Our subject received his education in his native place, where he lived with his parents until twenty-one years of age. At that time he began to work for himself, his first venture being horse raising in the John Day country, Oregon. Three years later he was in the southern part of the state farming and then was administrator for his father's estate for four years. Following that he came to the south half of the reservation and took charge as Indian farmer for a year and a half. He then went to Ellensburg, and operated his brother's farm for two years, after which he came to Kettle Falls and later to Republic. In 1896 he started in the butcher business in which he was engaged for three years. Later he sold his shop and in 1899 was appointed overseeing farmer on the reservation, which position he holds at present. In 1883, Mr. Mires was engaged by the government to weigh mail in Portland.

On June 7, 1880, Mr. Mires married Miss Ellie, daughter of John Q. and Theresa (Brown) Zachary, natives of Texas and Missouri, respectively. To this union three children have been born: Veda, Mildred, and Addie.

Fraternally, Mr. Mires is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., the Rebekahs, the W. W. the Women of Woodcraft, the Fraternal Army, and the Loyal Army. Mrs. Mires is a member of the Women of Woodcraft, and the Loyal Army. Mr. Mires is a pioneer of this county, and stands well in the community. In 1900 Mr. Mires was a delegate to the State Republican Convention and was elected alternate to the National Convention at Philadelphia. In February, 1904, he was sent from Ferry county to attend the State Central Committee in session at Seattle. Although our subject is a strong Republican, he has never accepted a nomination for any political office.

ALPHAEUS E. STEWART is a well known business man of Republic, where he has been very active in building up the country in general. He was born in Springfield, Ohio, on August 3, 1852, being the son of William R. and Hanna A. (Hempliman) Stewart, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. They resided some years in Ohio, then the family removed to Decatur, Alabama, which was their home for twenty years. Then they returned to Ohio where the mother died at an advanced age in 1898, and the father in

1893, at about eighty-nine years of age. They were the parents of nine children, named as follows: Isaac W., our subject, Aaron W., Jacob H., Samuel, Rebecca A., Libbie J., Minnie B. and Annie M. The father had followed contracting, merchandising, and farming and descended from a very prominent and old family in Scotland and the north of Ireland. Our subject went to school for a short time in the private schools of Alabama, and at the age of twelve began working for himself. His first occupation was teaming, but he soon made his way west to the plains and in 1869 located in Texas, where he was employed in the cattle business. He endured many hardships, and was in many dangerous positions in his life on the plains in early days. In 1880 he went to Colorado and turned his attention to mining, then came farther west in 1890, locating at Olympia, Washington. Later we find him in Seattle, and in 1898, he came to Republic. Mr. Stewart followed merchandising in various places and in other occupations accumulated considerable property before arriving in Republic. He owns real estate in different localities on the sound as well as here, and also has an interest in three business blocks in Republic, besides owning various dwellings. He now devotes considerable attention to mining and was one of the moving spirits in getting Ferry county as a separate political division. He has been twice city councilman in Republic, and served in this office until January 1, 1904, when he was elected mayor. He was formally installed mayor on the first Tuesday in January.

In April, 1893, Mr. Stewart married Mrs. Josephine Stewart, formerly Miss Cochran, whose parents were natives of Missouri, where she was born. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Eagles, of which lodge he was an organizer, and his wife is a member of the Women of Woodcraft.

PHILIP CREASOR is certainly ranked among the very first men who located where Republic now is and among the most active and influential in building up this part of the country. He was born in Gray county, Ontario, Canada, on January 7, 1856, being the son of

Carlton and Marie (Richards) Creasor, natives of England. They were married in England and came to Canada about 1850, remaining there until 1880, in which year they moved to Toronto, where the father died. The mother is living. They were the parents of fifteen children. Our subject was educated in the various places where the family lived and at the age of twenty-two, left Canada for Michigan, where he worked in the iron mines in Marquette until 1885. Then we find him on the Canadian Pacific railroad and in 1886 he came down the Columbia to the vicinity of Colville, which was his home for two years. We next see him in the Okanogan country, and in 1891 he was in Springdale. Two years later, Mr. Creasor was in the Slocan country and in 1894, prospected in the vicinity of Rossland. On February 27, 1896, he landed on the spot where Republic is now located. On the 28th of the same month, he located the Copper Bell, Iron Mask and the Lone Pine. On February 29, he located the Last Chance and March 1, the Ironclad. It was on March 5, 1896, that Mr. Creason located the famous Republic and Jim Blaine properties which have made Republic famous. The following summer he and his associates began development work on the properties. Those associated with him were, Thomas Ryan, James Clark, now deceased, Charles P. Robbins and Leo H. Long. They commenced more extensive development work in June, 1897, and soon thereafter Patsy Clark, a well known mining man of the northwest, became interested in the property and bought the shares owned by our subject and Thomas Ryan. Mr. Creasor received therefor in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars. Following that, Mr. Creasor took charge of the Lone Pine property and at once began to invest his money in the upbuilding of Republic and vicinity. He owns some very valuable additions to the town of Republic, and much other property in this county, including large money interests. Mr. Creasor is a strong Republican and always active in the campaigns. On June 8, 1898, Mr. Creasor married, and on November, 10, 1901, a son, Philip Creasor, Jr., was born to the union. Mr. Creasor and his wife are considered among the most substantial people of this section.

HON. GEORGE J. HURLEY needs no introduction to the people of northern Washington. He is at the present time state senator of Okanogan, Ferry and Douglas counties. He was elected to this office in 1902, his name appearing on the Republican ticket. During the session of the legislature just past, he was instrumental in putting through the bill arranging the proper valuation of mines, and also introduced some excellent legislation on highways. He framed and introduced the libel bill, which was vetoed by the Governor. Mr. Hurley also brought forward an excellent bill relative to handling sheep in the state, which was not made a law. He is a very active state senator, and is looked upon by his colleagues as a man of energy, talent and erudition.

George J. Hurley was born in Oregon City, Oregon, on September 18, 1859, being the son of Richard and Mary (McCarver) Hurley. The mother's father, Mr. McCarver, who was an early pioneer to the Pacific coast, laid out the town of Tacoma. The father of our subject came to Oregon in 1857, having left New York city in 1845. The intervening time was spent in Mexico. Oregon City was the family home until 1863, when they moved to Idaho, and ten years later came back to Oregon, and are now residing in Portland. They are the parents of seven children, our subject being the eldest. The others are: Minnie L. Terry, Annie M. White, Belle F. Cavalline, Carrie L. Pease, Leta and Elmer S.

Our subject was educated in the public schools of Lewiston and at the early age of fourteen, began life for himself as a cabin boy in the employ of the Oregon Steamship and Navigation Company. During the succeeding years, he has been alert in his research for information, and the result is that he is broad minded and well informed, with a good practical education. After his services as cabin boy, he was freight clerk and then rode the range for three years. During the Bannock war, he and twelve others were corralled in a stronghold for six weeks by the Indians. After this, we find him in the employ of the Northern Pacific, and later at Sprague, handling general merchandise for the firm of Sprague & Fairweather. During the construction of the Northern Pacific, he was with Nelson Bennett as clerk. In 1887, he came to

Okanogan county and took up general merchandising with I. T. Keene. During this time, he was one of three delegates from Okanogan county to the admission convention at Ellensburg when the admission of the state of Washington was agitated. When the new county of Okanogan was set off in 1887, Mr. Hurley, Guy Waring and William Granger were appointed by the state legislature to locate the county seat and select the proper officers, to remain in office until the first general election. In 1894, Mr. Hurley was in British Columbia, then went south for two years, later returning to British Columbia in 1897, and in 1898 he came to where Republic now stands. For one year he was manager of the Republic Trading Company, and has since engaged in other business.

Mr. Hurley is a staunch Republican, and always takes great interest in the affairs of his party. In 1883 he was elected city clerk of Ainsworth, was twice county commissioner of Okanogan county, was mayor of Ruby five terms, and city clerk of Republic for three terms. In all this public life, Mr. Hurley has shown marked uprightness and integrity.

In 1889, Mr. Hurley married Miss Ella Cook and to them one child has been born, Clarence Webb. Mr. Cook was killed by the Indians in Montana in 1867. He was the father of seven children. Fraternally, Mr. Hurley is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., the Eagles and several other orders. His wife is a member of the Rebekahs. Their son, Clarence Webb, was the page for the president of the senate during the last term of the legislature, and the youngest on the floor.

THOMAS D. FULLER. No more worthy and enterprising pioneer ever threaded his way through the wilderness in the west than the subject of this article. He has wrought in various capacities all through the northwest manifesting great wisdom and energy, and has invariably been crowned with success in all his ventures. In northern Washington, Mr. Fuller is well known as one of the earliest pioneers and intrepid adventurers of the days gone by. A moving spirit in the organization of three counties, he has taken a part in history that might make any man justly proud. A

brief epitome of his career will be interesting reading and we append the name.

Thomas D. Fuller was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on April 28, 1842, the son of Arnold and Sarah (Green) Fuller, natives of Ohio. They came to Missouri in 1842, and in 1845 took up that most unique and perilous journey, a trip across the plains with wagons. The father was captain of a train of one hundred and sixty wagons, most of which were ox teams, and was called to meet the sadness of burying his wife on the dreary plains. They had many encounters with the Indians, but finally succeeded in reaching the Willamette valley. Settlement was made where Corvallis now stands, and there the family remained until the father's death in 1879. He had married a second time and to this second marriage seven children were born, while by the first marriage, eight children were born. Our subject remembers that in those early days their shoes, and much of their outer clothing, were made of buckskin. At the old district school house Mr. Fuller was educated, his first teacher being ex-state representative Slater, while William H. Hill, who afterwards wrote the codes of Oregon and Washington, was his classmate. At the age of fifteen, our subject inaugurated independent action and with his brother, Henry, went into the stock business, furnishing the English navy at Victoria with beef in 1859. In 1860 we find him mining in the Carliboo region. Two years later, he came back to Oregon, bringing a pack train of sixty mules, and commenced transporting goods to Florence, Idaho, being one of the first packers in that country. In 1864 he was packing from Walla Walla to Boise, being interested with Jacobs & Company. In 1865 he sold out and at The Dalles, Oregon, bought a large drove of beef cattle which he took to Montana and sold for twenty five cents per pound. In company with two others, Thomas and Green, he started to Texas to buy a large drove of cattle, having ninety thousand dollars in cash. On the way they were overpowered by highwaymen and lost all their money and accoutrements. Later, the robbers gave each one a saddle, a horse and one thousand dollars with strict orders to leave the country. Coming back to Montana, our subject mined for two years, then went to Portland, Oregon, and engaged in the livery

business. His property burned there and Mr. Fuller sustained a heavy loss. He then went to the San Joaquin valley, California, and leasing a farm, turned his attention to farming. He soon had six thousand acres in crops, as wheat, oats and barley, which were entirely destroyed by the hot winds. After that he went to San Diego, California, and for two years was city marshal and sheriff for four years. Next we see him in business in San Luis Obispo county, after which he came to Walla Walla where he was engaged in the retail liquor business for a short season, then worked on the construction of the Northern Pacific. Upon the completion of that road, we see him in Siskiyou, Oregon, on the California and Oregon railroad, keeping hotel. In 1883 he was in the gold rush to the Coeur d'Alene country, and in 1885 came to Colville. Here he was deputy sheriff under Oscar Bates, and later went to Okanogan county and located the town site of Ruby. In connection with George Hurley, who is present state senator, Phil Perkins, Hiram Begal, Ike Keene and John Stanton, he laid the plans that finally resulted in the separation of Okanogan and Stevens counties. He was deputy sheriff of Okanogan county for two years. Until 1894 he was interested in real estate and mining, and the next two years were spent in prospecting in British Columbia. In 1896 he came to where Republic now stands, and took up land adjoining the townsite. He now has a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres, well improved with buildings, fences, orchard, and so forth. Mr. Fuller gives his entire attention to farming and mining, and is one of the prosperous men of the section.

In 1864 Mr. Fuller married Miss Mary J., daughter of Adam and Phoebe Overacker, natives of Iowa. To this union two children have been born, Thomas D., a groceryman in Palo Alto, California, and Dora, living with her brother. Mr. Fuller is an active Democrat, and has held many offices during his life. He is a charter member of the Order of Eagles, and is also well connected in other fraternal relations.

By way of reminiscence, it is worthy to note that Mr. Fuller had two nieces and one aunt murdered in the terrible Mountain Meadow massacre, near Salt Lake, Utah. Mr. Fuller was the first notary public in Okanogan county,

before Washington was admitted as a state, and after that event he was appointed the first notary of the county.

WILLIAM L. STOVER dwells in Orient, Washington, where he conducts a butcher business. He has a good patronage and is prosperous. In addition to this business, Mr. Stover is interested in a first class sawmill in Orient, which his father is managing.

William L. Stover was born in Boone county, Iowa, on June 3, 1869, being the son of Henderson and Mary E. (Budnot) Stover, natives of Indiana. The parents settled in Iowa in early days and for twenty years were substantial citizens of that state. The father did sawmilling and also followed other industries. Then came a move to Idaho, where he was identified with the lumber business for three years. After that he removed to Spokane and made that city his home until 1897. At that time he came to Bossburg to live and later settled in Orient. He is now dwelling in Orient and is handling a large mill, his son William L., being associated with him as mentioned before. Eight children were born into this family, seven of whom are living, named as follows: Calvin S., William L., who is the immediate subject of this article, James, Annie, Ada, Susie and Frank. William L. received his early education in Boone county, Iowa, and at the age of sixteen stepped forth to meet the duties of life for himself. He followed sawmilling in Iowa, Idaho and Washington, settling in Spokane about 1887. It was 1900 when he came to Bossburg, whence he removed later to Orient and opened a butcher shop. This, together with sawmilling, has occupied him since. Mr. Stover owns some town property and other interests in addition to what are mentioned.

In 1899 Mr. Stover married Miss Clara, daughter of Andrew and Margret (Houston) Kennedy, natives of Scotland and Illinois, respectively. They settled in Illinois, which was their home until the tide of immigration turned toward Nebraska, when they went to that state and there now reside. Thirteen children were born to them, nine of whom are living, named as follows: Clara, now Mrs. Stover,

Sarah, Nettie, Leola, Walter, Arthur, Jennie, Kittie and Robert. To Mr. and Mrs. Stover one child has been born, Perdita. Politically Mr. Stover is a Republican, while in social relations he is a member of the M. W. A. Mrs. Stover belongs to the R. N. A.

HENRY DAHL is one of the younger men of Ferry county who has shown industry and thrift in his work in this section. He is now handling a good trade as blacksmith, in Orient, and owns his shop and tools, besides some other property. He does wood work together with blacksmithing.

Henry Dahl was born near the capital of Norway on September 22, 1863, being the son of Arne and Annie (Guttormson) Dahl, natives of Norway, where the mother died. In 1886 the father came to America, settling in Minnesota where he still lives, working at his trade that of a shoemaker. There were ten children in the family, all living, and named as follows, besides our subject, Thomas, George, Mary, Lee, Inger, Johnson, Julia, Annie, Ann.

Henry was educated in the public schools of his native country and there also learned the carpenter trade. In 1886 he came to the United States with his father, being then eighteen years of age, and at once began the duties of life for himself. He followed his trade of carpentering in Duluth, then took up merchandising with his brother in the same city. Later, he went to teaming and followed this until 1897. After that he removed to Alberta, Canada, and took up land, which later he sold and came on to Greenwood, in British Columbia. In 1900 he came down to Orient, where he built a shop and has since followed blacksmithing and wood working. Being a first class mechanic, he has gained a good trade and is kept busy most of the time. Mr. Dahl is now erecting a dwelling, which will be his home.

MICHAEL CLARK is a farmer living about three miles south from Laurier, in Ferry county, where he has a comfortable home. He was born in Mayo county, Ireland, being the son of Thomas and Margaret

(Loftus) Clark, natives of Ireland and parents of six children, named as follows: Nancy, Mary, Margaret, Ellen, Michael and Winifred. The father was a well-to-do farmer and land owner of Ireland. Our subject was educated in the public schools of his native county and at the age of eighteen years began to work for himself. He was engaged in various occupations in different places, among which may be mentioned that of handling powder in Liverpool, then in the construction of the floating docks. Three years later, he was engaged on the corporate dock, then went to western Ireland, where he was game keeper on a large estate for six years. After that he spent some time in France, then traveled through England and finally in 1866, he came to the United States. He did railroading in New York and then went to Buffalo and later to Chicago, where he was engaged on a canal for one year. After this, we find him in the lumber woods in Wisconsin, then in 1869, he came west to California, where for two years he was iron man on the Southern Pacific railroad. Then he journeyed to Oregon and took part in the gold excitement on Peace river. Leaving there, he settled on a piece of land at Vancouver, where he remained until 1900, when he came to Ferry county and took up a farm on the Kettle river, where he now resides. In 1854, Mr. Clark married Miss Bridget Fannon, a native of Ireland. To them three children have been born, James, Mary, and Catherine.

Mr. Clark is a Republican and in church relations, belongs to the Catholic denomination.

DENNIS PEONE is one of the large property owners of Ferry county. His estate adjoins the town of Danville on the north and he devotes his time to stock raising and general farming. He was born in Colville, Washington on June 28, 1865, the son of Louis and Katherine (Finley) Peone, natives of Prarie du Chien, Wisconsin, and Montana, respectively. They settled in the Colville country in very early days and our subject received his education from the mission schools of that locality. At the age of thirteen, he started in life for himself, working on a farm in Stevens county. After some time occupied in that cap-

acity, he worked on the construction of the Northern Pacific and later returned to Colville. In the spring of 1886, Mr. Peone went to Granite creek, British Columbia, and there did placer mining for a year. Returning from that locality to Colorado, he soon went on to Okanogan and later returned to Colville. In 1889, Mr. Peone came to his present location where he has made his home since. He has an estate of five hundred and sixty acres, three hundred of which are under cultivation. He raises diversified crops, has good bulidings, a fine orchard, and is a prosperous man.

1889, Mr. Peone married Miss Lizzie, daughter of J. C. and Lucy (Berland) Bourassa, natives of Canada and Washinton, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Peone, six children have been born, Irene, Josephine, Hiram and Virgil, twins, Roland and Percy. Mr. Peone is an active Democrat and takes a keen interest in political matters. In religious persuasion he and his family are adherents of the Catholic church.

WILLIAM WAGNER is one of the most substantial stock men in Ferry county. He is also a pioneer in this section and now has a fine estate, well improved and about three miles south from Curlew. At his place is a way station of the railroad, known as Wagner spur.

William Wagner was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany on March 7, 1864, the son of Frederick and Mary Wagner, natives of Germany, where they remained until their death. Our subject is the youngest of the following children: Elizabeth Heller, Hattie, George, Henry, and Frederick. After receiving a good public school education, Mr. Wagner apprenticed himself to learn the blacksmith trade. This being over, he took a position as clerk in a wholesale millinery store. During his services in this latter place, he studied music and became very proficient in this art. He was eighteen years of age when he left Germany and came to America, settling at Brooklyn, New York. Six months later, he enlisted in the Second United States military band. In 1883, two years after he first enlisted, he was transferred to the Fourth Infantry band. He was at various places in the northern part of the United States, in Nebraska and the adjoining states, and finally came to Fort Sherman in Washing-

ton, where he remained until his discharge, which occurred on June 21, 1887. He saw some fighting in the field, with Indians, during his service and conducted himself as a first class soldier. After his discharge, Mr. Wagner went to the Coeur d'Alenes and mined, after which he opened a hotel in Moscow. In 1893 and 1894, he suffered heavy financial losses as did many others, then came to Spokane and operated on the new waterworks for two years, after which he came to Republic and built the first cabin in that town. He visited various sections of Ferry county and British Columbia and for two years was interested in laundry business in the latter place. In 1900, he took one hundred and sixty acres, where he now lives and since that time has devoted himself to stock raising and general farming. He has a nice band of cattle, and also good buildings and other improvements upon his farm.

In 1884, Mr. Wagner married Miss Hellen, daughter of Peter and Hellen Johnson. Mrs. Wagner has one brother, Peter, and one sister, Mary. She is a native of Germany and came to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1881, where her marriage occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, three children have been born, Alice, Gladys, and William. Mr. Wagner is a good Democrat, while in church relations he and his wife belong to the Lutheran denomination.

JOHN J. WATSON resides about two miles south from Curlew where he does general farming and stock raising. He was born in Bloomfield, Iowa, on August 25, 1851, being the son of G. W. and Hannah G. (Waddell) Watson, natives of Vermont and Indiana, respectively. The parents settled in Iowa in 1847 and in Wayne county in that state in 1858. At the beginning of the Civil War, the father enlisted in Company M, Seventh Missouri Cavalry and fought for three years for the union. He was wounded in the right hip at Fort Smith and never recovered the use of his limb, fully. He died in Mountayr, in 1891 where the mother now lives. They were the parents of seven children, Lewis, John J., Olivia Walker, Travetta Depew, Arizona Arvado, Emma S. Ellis, and Hallie J., who died in 1881. From the public school, Mr. Watson received his education and until he was twenty-one, remained with his father. At that age he

commenced railroading and followed the same for eleven years. After this, he continued his education on the farm and in 1879, came to Kansas, which was his home for three years. Thence he moved to Nebraska, where he resided six years. After that came the journey across the plains to the Pacific coast with mule teams, five months being consumed on the road. He landed in Seattle on September 14, and there did teaming and draying for a year or so. Later we find him in the coal business in Tacoma and in 1892, he took a logging contract for Allan C. Mason. Following that he came to North Yakima, taking up the coal and wood business, which occupied him until 1897. In that year he came to Eureka, now Republic, being one of the first settlers in that town. He operated an express there until 1901, then took one hundred and sixty acres near Curlew, which he improved and sold April 11, 1903. Mr. Watson then settled on his farm where he now resides, about fifty acres of which he has under cultivation. In addition to general farming, he does stock raising and has quite a band.

On August 29, 1877, Mr. Watson married Miss Sarah Knott, whose parents, James A. and Ellen T. (Shellhouse) Knott, were natives of Pennsylvania and early pioneers to Hancock county, Illinois. The father died in 1875, then the mother came to Iowa and later moved to Missouri, where she died in 1900. Eight children were born in this family, Clara E. Newingham, Mary Hanks, deceased, Bell Fowler, Jane Arnold, Cyrus, Marius, Horace, and James A. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker, four children have been born: Cora B., married to F. R. Burdette, a farmer, residing near Curlew; Ethel, married to F. H. Stevenson, in Curlew; Elbie E., and Emory R.

Mr. Watson is a Republican and always takes an active interest in political matters. He is a member of the school board and has been deputy sheriff and United States marshal and was deputy city marshal at Yakima. He has also held various other offices.

Fraternally, Mr. Watson is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., the W. W., the S. of V., and the F. P. P. Mrs. Watson is a member of the Adventist church. Mr. Watson was recently appointed crop reporter for this section of the country, by the Spokane agency. He is a man of good standing and has shown valuable knowledge and interest in his labors in Ferry county.

JOHN D. McDOUGALL is one of the industrious farmers whose labors are bringing the new county of Ferry to be one of the excellent political divisions of the great state of Washington. He resides about five miles south from Curlew, upon land secured through the government right and is giving his attention to farming and stock raising. He was born in Ontario, Canada, on March 24, 1852, being the son of David and Katie (McDonald) McDougall, natives of Canada, where the father farmed until their death. The father was well to do and came from a prominent family. They were the parents of the following named children, Christa, Maggie, Katie, Joseph, Duncan, Alexander, and Daniel. At Cornwall, Canada, our subject received his education from the public schools and when fifteen, came to Stillwater, Minnesota, where he followed logging for twenty-six years, operating in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Then he went to Ashland, after which he journeyed west, landing in Ferry county in 1902, taking the place where he now lives, as a homestead. He has forty acres under cultivation, besides a good band of stock.

In 1872, Mr. McDougall married Miss Sophia, daughter of Matt and Mary Burgan, natives of New Brunswick and parents of twelve children, nine of whom are living, named as follows, Betsey, Sarah, Matt, William, Maggie, Mary A., John, and Ed. To Mr. and Mrs. McDougall seven children have been born, named as follows, John, Matt, Bertha, Grace, Dan, Mary and Kate.

Fraternally, Mr. McDougall is a Republican and always takes an active part with his party. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church, while he is a member also of the Catholic Knights.

RICHARD KEOGAN resides about four miles south from Curlew, where he has an elegant estate of four hundred acres, half of which is producing hay at the present time. He has been selling his hay at fifteen dollars per ton and has done well in his farming venture. His place is well improved and situated.

Richard Keogan was born on December 9, 1869, being the son of Michael and Esther (Nickola) Keogan, natives of Ireland and British Columbia, respectively. The mother died in the latter place after which the father

moved to Sprague, Washington. Five children were born to this couple, Richard, Maggie Iringin, Matilda Dalumppte, Mary, deceased, and James. Our subject received his education in the Colville schools and at the age of eighteen inaugurated independent action, his first venture being packing for the mines from Marcus to British Columbia. For five years he followed this occupation, then received his allotment of four hundred acres south of Curlew, where he resides at the present time. In addition to producing hay, he is raising considerable stock and is known as one of the prosperous stock men and farmers in this section.

In 1895, Mr. Keogan married Miss Addie DeSautel, whose parents are natives of Washington and have the following children, Addie, Joseph, William, Maline, Margret, Bassil, Edward, Gilbert, Nancy, Dorothy, and Maxin. To Mr. and Mrs. Keogan, three children have been born, Ernest, Elizabeth, deceased and H. P. In 1899, Mr. Keogan was called to mourn the death of his wife.

In political matters, he is a Republican and takes a keen interest in public affairs. For three years, he served as Indian policeman. He is a member of the Catholic church and is a substantial and capable man.

HOWARD D. RUMSEY, like many of the enterprising and prosperous men of Ferry county, has resided here but a few years, but has shown, during that time, commendable energy and interest in opening up the country. He lives seven miles south from Curlew and there does general farming and raises stock.

Howard D. Rumsey was born in Brants county, Michigan on October 4, 1859, the son of Peter and Temperance (Bond) Rumsey, natives of New York and Virginia respectively. They settled in Michigan in 1845, which was continuously their home until 1877, when the father died. His widow is still living in Allegan county of that state. Ten children have been born to them, as follows: Johnson, Frank, Howard D., Edward, Barton, Scemilda, Servina, Melville, Fay and Martie. From the public schools of Sherwood, in Michigan, our subject gained his educational training and at the age of nineteen, started out in life for himself. For six years, he and his brother, John, oper-

ated a threshing machine and clover huller and also did other work. Then he came to Minnesota where he learned the blacksmith trade and for twenty years worked at it in Minnesota, Missouri, Montana and Idaho. In 1890, Mr. Rumsey came west and after one year, returned to Minnesota. Two years after that, he went to Missouri and again came back to Minnesota, which was his home until 1897, then he journeyed to Montana and worked at his trade and also did farming. In 1900, he came to his present location, seven miles south from Curlew. Here he took up a homestead, half of which is now under cultivation. He raises some stock and has improved his place in good shape.

In 1883, Mr. Rumsey married Miss Ida, daughter of Edward and Jane (Hagen) Bartlett, natives of New York. They were pioneers to Michigan and later journeyed on to Minnesota, where the father died. The mother is still living in that state. They were the parents of two children, Ida, wife of our subject, and Merritt. To Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey, one child has been born, Elver.

In political matters the principles of the Democratic party appeal more strongly to Mr. Rumsey and he is a stalwart in their ranks.

Fraternally, he is a member of the M. W. A. He is a man of good standing and is respected and esteemed by all who know him, having shown by his excellent labors in this county, his industry and substantiality.

STEPHEN LAMBERT resides twelve miles north from Republic where he does general farming and raises stock. He is distinctly a pioneer of the west, as he has passed most of his life on the frontiers, ever laboring to open up and develop the country, manifesting a commendable zeal in his efforts.

Stephen Lambert was born in Dakota, in February, 1833, being the son of Stephen and Catherine (Gody) Lambert. The father was a native of Canada, and the mother was born in Dakota, being descended from Indian and white ancestors. The parents reared ten children, Madelin, Peter, Jane, Joseph, Daniel, Mary, William, Stephen, who is the subject of this article Margret and John. They are living in different portions of the country, but the parents have both died. Stephen was reared on

the frontier, where there were little or no advantages in an educational line, consequently he was not enabled to gain much knowledge from books. At the early age of seventeen he started in life for himself, his first employment being for the Hudson's Bay Company. He was operating in Canada constantly until 1888, when he came to his present location, since which time he has constantly engaged in farming and raising stock.

In 1873 occurred the marriage of Mr. Lambert and Miss Mary Peter, an Indian woman, who was born and reared in Washington. To this marriage the following named children have been born: Sarah, Angeline, deceased; Willie, deceased; Willie, Addie, Joseph, Alphonzo, Mose, Emily, Mary J., Johnnie and Oliver. Mr. Lambert has an estate of one half section, and has prospered well in his labors in the financial world. In politics he is allied with the Republican party and is an active participant in the campaigns. Mr. Lambert and his family are all members of the Catholic church. He has taken great pains to give each one of his children a good education, which is a commendable thing, especially when we consider that Mr. Lambert himself was denied that privilege. The children are at home and residing near, and among those married is Sarah, whose husband is John Daniels. Mr. Daniels was born in Texas, on October 7, 1869, being the son of William and Eliza (Clemmons) Daniels. Mr. Daniels has one sister, Rettie, and one brother, Thomas. He was reared on the frontier and had little opportunity to gain an education, but owing to keen observation has become a well informed man. About 1899, he came to the vicinity where he now resides and settled on his land, fourteen miles north from Republic. He has a half section. The marriage of Mr. Daniels and Miss Sarah Lambert was solemnized on November 28, 1892, and to them two children have been born, Katie and Mary.

JOSEPH DESAUTEL DEGASPER resides nine miles north from Republic and has the distinction of being one of the oldest pioneers of northern Washington, having been fifty years in these parts. He was born in Montreal, Canada, on March 22, 1824, the son of Joseph and Janette (DeChalan) De Gasper, natives of

Canada, where also they remained until their death. The father was foreman on the log and lumber drives on the St. Lawrence. Nine children were born in this family, Joseph, Felix, Narcis, John, Maxime, Antoin, Abraham, Margret, and Mary. Our subject was educated in the French language but never attended English school. When eleven he laid aside his books and entered on the stern realities of life, his first wages being fifty cents per month. For this remuneration, he worked for several years, then got his pay doubled. In 1843, he went to work for the Hudson's Bay Company, operating both on the British and the American side. In 1854 Mr. DeGasper took a homestead at Pinkney City, near Colville, the place now owned by L. M. Meyers. He sold this place to Mr. Meyers and took another. Later he went to Nespelim, but was sent out of that country by General Howard, who was in charge of military affairs then and was separating the white people from the Indians. He returned to Colville and took a homestead which was his home for eleven years. After that he came to where Republic now stands and took land which he farmed with his son, Maxine. In 1899, Mr. DeGasper settled where he now lives, nine miles north from Republic, having a good farm and raising stock.

In 1851, Mr. De Gasper married Miss Julia LaFleur, daughter of Waukene and Margret LaFleur. Mrs. DeGasper has two brothers, Joseph and Michael. To Mr. and Mrs. DeGasper the following named children have been born: Maxine, in this county; John, in Stevens county; Adolph, in Okanogan county; May, also in that county; Frank, in Stevens county; Rose, wife of J. A. Rutherford, in Republic; Olive, married to Thomas Pehrson, in Republic; and Felix, with his parents. Mr. DeGasper is a member of the Catholic church as also are the other members of his family. He is a strong Republican and always takes a keen interest in political matters. He stands well in the community and has many friends.

JOSEPH SAMBY, who resides about five miles south from Curlew, is a native of Washington, having been born in the Kettle river valley January 1, 1865. His parents were Antoine and Mary (Assell) Samby, both natives of

Washington. Our subject's paternal grandfather was chief of the Kettle river Indians and upon his death the chiefship was given to Tenasket. Our subject's father died in 1891, being one hundred years of age. During the late years of his life, he was totally blind. For thirty years, this venerable man and his wife, who also died at a very advanced age, lived where our subject now dwells. Joseph being youngest of the family, it fell to his lot to care for his parents and consequently he was privileged to gain very little education. While still very young, he began laboring and has been very successful, for at the present time he has nearly four hundred acres of good land and a nice band of cattle. Eighty acres of the estate is devoted to timothy and forty to grain while the balance is used for pasture. He has a good barn and a small orchard. Mr. Samby has always been a keen observer and has supplemented his lack of educational training by careful personal research and he is to be commended for the success he has made.

In 1902, occurred the marriage of Mr. Samby to Miss Katie Telehitza and to them two children have been born, Susan and Alice.

Fraternally, Mr. Samby is a Republican, while in religious persuasions, he and his wife belong to the Catholic church. Mr. Samby has been a very fine example to his people in that he has taken up the labor of the agriculturist and has successfully carried it forward. He is a good citizen and one of the respected men of the community.

GILBERT DESAUTEL is one of the younger and prosperous stock men of Ferry county, whose labors and walk have shown forth real ability and uprightness. He resides about four miles south from Republic, where he handles an estate of four hundred acres, eighty acres of which belongs to himself and the balance is rented.

Gilbert Desautel was born at Hunter creek, Stevens county, on October 16, 1882, being the son of Maxim and Louise (Peone) Desautel, natives of Washington. After a brief residence in Stevens county, the family moved to Lincoln county, Washington and thence returned to their original home. In 1889, they came to the Curlew valley, where the father still resides. Our subject is one of nine children named as

follows: Ed, a sailor, now in South Africa; Gilbert, the subject of this article; Joseph; William; Nancy; Maggie; Dora; Bail and Max. Our subject received his schooling in various places where they lived, mostly in Tenasket, Okanogan county. After the days of his educational training, he started out for himself, being then sixteen years of age. His first work was handling a farm on shares and at the time the reservation was opened, he took his allotment of eighty acres, where he now resides and as stated, farms in addition thereto, half a section. His land is largely devoted to hay and he handles about three hundred tons each year. He has seventy-five head of cattle which he owns in company with his father, and the farms are well improved with buildings, fences and so forth. The cattle are wintered on the Spokane reservation and they market most of their hay. The grandfather of our subject is still residing in Washington and is named elsewhere in this volume. Our subject is a member of the Catholic church and is one of the progressive and substantial young men of Ferry county. His future is bright in promise and his industry and ability will soon place him among the heaviest property owners of this section of the country.



GEORGE HERRON. This venerable gentleman, a native of Washington, has, during a long and eventful career, been closely connected with the leading history making questions in the entire northwest. It is very fitting therefore, that a review of his life be incorporated in the volume that purports to give mention of the leading citizens of this portion of the state.

George Herron was born at Squally, near Olympia, in 1831, being the son of Frank and Josette (Boucher) Herron, natives of Canada and the Colville country, respectively. The father was a chief factor in the Hudson's Bay Company and traveled a great deal. The mother was a member of the Colville tribe and died in the Willamette valley in 1878. The father died in 1832, when our subject was one year old. He was an only child and upon his father's death, went with his mother to the Willamette valley and lived with the tribes in that section. Mr. Herron was raised in the primitive style of the native Indians, consequently

had very little opportunity for an education. Being endowed with considerable talent, however, he very cleverly picked up the various languages which he heard and soon became very proficient in all the dialects of the Indians of the northwest, as well as in English and French. When very young he started independent action and for seven years farmed on French Prairie in the Willamette valley, one of the well known points in the early settlement of the northwest. After that, Mr. Herron moved back to Colville and began operating a pack train from The Dalles to that point, continuing the same for five years. Then he hired to the United States as interpreter and for twenty-five years was in their employ for seventy-five dollars per month. For three years, he was with the war department and following this long service, he again farmed in Stevens county, residing on the Columbia river. In about 1878 or 1879, Mr. Herron went to Washington, D. C., with a number of Indian chiefs, Cheans, Moses, Tenasket, Sasaphapine, and Lott. The object of this journey was to act as interpreter for these chiefs while they consulted with the government in reference to the treaty. At the time of the war with Joseph, Mr. Herron was very busy, riding from one tribe to another in the northwest, being employed by the government in the interest of peace and his services can scarcely be overestimated in their efficiency to keep the Indians from going on the war path. He was considered one of the best interpreters in the entire northwest. On one occasion, in the earlier part of Joseph's war, there was a council of Indians with the government officers at Spokane. Their interpreter was entirely unable to officiate and Mr. Herron was sent for. After the consultation, he was kept with the officers and soldiers until the war was ended. He spent this time in various sections of the country and after the hostilities, he returned to Spokane Falls and his family was the only one there. A sawmill and store were the only business establishments then at the falls. In 1888, Mr. Herron removed to his present place, about five miles north of Republic, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, one hundred and forty of which raises timothy and produces nearly two hundred tons annually. He has about fifty head of cattle, besides other property. Mr. Herron does not attend to his farm personally but rents it. During the last few

years, he has had the great misfortune to be stricken with blindness and it is sincerely hoped that the efforts now being set forth, will result in his entire recovery.

In 1863, Mr. Herron married an Indian woman and to this union were born five children: John, deceased; Alex, on the Kettle river; Joseph, married to Noah LeFleur, on the Columbia river; David, in the Curlew valley; and Josette, deceased. In 1876, Mr. Herron was called to mourn the death of his wife and four years later, he married Martina, an Indian woman.

In political matters, Mr Herron is a staunch Republican and has always taken an active interest in this realm. He and his family are adherents of the Catholic church.

In the early days, Mr. Herron was deputy sheriff of Stevens county under John Hofstetter. Owing to his service as interpreter, Mr. Herron has been associated with some of the leading men of the northwest, having thus a very wide acquaintance and is a well known and influential man. He is a man of uprightness and has always been considered a valuable and estimable citizen.

ALEXANDER RAYMOND, who is a farmer and stock man residing about five miles north from Republic, was born in St. Paul, Marion county, Oregon, on February 3, 1858, being the son of August and Mary (Serrant) Raymond, natives of Canada and Washington, respectively. The parents settled in Oregon in the very early days and there remained until their death. They had eight children, Marcel, Caroline, Augusta, Sallene, Frank Alexander, Rosa, and Mary M.

Our subject was educated in Oregon and Canada and spent some time in the latter place, at St. Lorent, where he studied for three years. At the age of nineteen, he began life for himself, first taking up mining in Idaho. Then he was engaged in the quartermaster's department for the government for about two years. After this, he was on the survey for the Northern Pacific for one and one half years. Next, we find him logging on the sound and for four years, he was in charge of a large sawmill on Gray's Harbor. It was in 1893, that Mr. Raymond came to his present location and took a homestead. His wife received her allotment of

eighty acres and their estate of two hundred and forty acres is well improved and cultivated. They have good buildings and in addition to doing general farming, have a nice band of cattle.

In 1899, Mr. Raymond married Miss Emily daughter of Stephen and Mary Lambert, natives of South Dakota and Canada, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have spent most of their lives in the northwest and in 1888, settled in Curlew valley, where they now reside. They are the parents of twelve children, named as follows, Sarah, Alphonse, William, Emily, Moses, John, Joseph, Addie, Mary J., Oliver, Angeline, and Willie.

In political matters, Mr. Raymond is an active Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church and are the parents of two children, Stephen A. and Caroline J.

FRANK O'BRIEN resides about two miles east from Republic and is, without doubt, one of the most prosperous farmers and stock men in Ferry county. He has about six hundred acres of land, all under fence, supplied with plenty of water, comfortable buildings, a good orchard and various other improvements. Mr. O'Brien raises over one hundred tons of timothy annually, two thousand bushels of grain and handles one hundred head of stock. He made settlement in this place in 1886 and since that time has continued industriously in the line of farming and stock raising, with the gratifying results stated above.

Frank O'Brien was born in Colville, in 1862 the son of James and Susan (Finley) O'Brien. The father died in the Black Hills during the gold excitement. He was killed there and those at home never got the full particulars. Our subject was an only child and had no opportunity to gain an education, being raised on the frontier. When twelve years of age, he began to work for himself, thus learning in the tender days of childhood the adversities and buffeting ways of the world. For five years, he labored for his board and clothes, then took up freighting, which he followed for six years. After that, he took a farm near Kettle Falls and having made improvements, during a period of four or five years, sold it and came to his present location, settling where we now

find him. Of the fine estate mentioned, he has over two hundred acres under cultivation and is increasing this acreage annually. Mr. O'Brien is a first class farmer and a successful stock man as is readily seen by an inspection of his farm as well as in the excellent success that has attended his efforts. The farm is so situated that he is able to irrigate almost the entire acreage, which in time will make it exceedingly valuable.

In 1886, Mr. O'Brien married Miss Rose, daughter of Antoine and Jennie (Finley) Sheratt, the father a native of Canada and the mother of Washington. To this union, six children have been born, Antoine, Ida, James, Robert, Jennie, and Rosa.

Politically, Mr. O'Brien is a Republican and for two years was government policeman in Ferry county. He and his family are adherents of the Catholic church.

ANTHONY GENDRON lives about four miles east from Republic and was born in Colville, Stevens county, Washington on December 1, 1868. His parents are Alexander and Esther (Morrow) Gendron, natives of Canada and Washington, respectively. They lived in Colville most all their lives and there the father died in 1888. The mother now lives at Marcus. They were the parents of twelve children. Our subject was educated in Colville and at the early age of sixteen started in the battle of life for himself. He followed working for wages in a livery barn then farmed, continuing the same in the vicinity of Colville until 1894. In that year, he came to the Curlew valley and took up land. Three years later, he went to Marcus, then came back to the valley and did carpenter work which trade he had previously learned.

Mr. Gendron is a Republican, while in religious persuasion he is an adherent of the Catholic church.

ALEXANDER GENDRON was born at Colville on September 15, 1864, being the son of Alexander and Eliza E. Gendron, natives of Canada and Washington, respectively. The father was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company and settled in the Colville valley in very early days. He died in 1891, but the

mother still lives in the Colville valley. They were the parents of fourteen children. Our subject was raised on the frontier and received very little education. At the age of eighteen, he commenced work for himself and having worked for wages for some time, he began freighting from Spokane to Colville and in 1892, came to the Curlew valley and located. Since that time, he has given his attention to stock raising and farming and now he and his wife have a fine estate of four hundred and sixty acres about four miles east from Republic. Mr. Gendron, in addition to stock raising and general farming, has a threshing outfit which he operates during a part of the year. He handles about one hundred acres of hay and grain, using the balance of the estate for pasture. He has good buildings, a fine orchard, and other improvements.

In 1887, Mr. Gendron married Miss Mattie, daughter of Moses and Caroline (Scherette) Dupuis, natives of Canada and Washington, respectively. They lived in Colville almost all of their days and there the mother died many years since. The father now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Gendron. Mrs. Gendron was born in Colville and there received a good education from the public schools. She is one of a family of eight children. To Mr. and Mrs. Gendron, five children have been born, Joseph, Alfred A., George, Melvina, and Albert R. Mr. and Mrs. Gendron are members of the Catholic church.

JOHN W. McCANN, who owns the Second Division of the town of Republic, is one of the best known mining men of Ferry county, having been interested in this industry, both as a prospector and promoter for some time. He has had wide experience in mining in various parts of the world and is a skillful and energetic man.

John W. McCann was born in Meigs county, Ohio on June 4, 1856, being the son of William and Rebecca (Goff) McCann, natives of Virginia. He settled in Meigs county in the early days and there remained until the father's death, in 1861. The mother lived there sometime after that, then removed to Wisconsin, where she died in 1876. They were the parents of fifteen children. Our subject received his education in the Albany high school and later

completed the same in the academy. From sixteen to twenty, he operated his mother's farm then his mother having died, he journeyed west to the Black Hills in South Dakota. There he followed mining in various capacities until 1885, when he came to Spokane. Later, he went to Idaho and mined in the Coeur d'Alene country. In 1887, we find him in the Okanogon country and six years later, he sold his mining interests there and went to the Kootenai district, in Canada. After that, we find him operating in southern Oregon and in 1894, he went to the Yukon, making about five thousand dollars, placer mining. He came back and located in the Boundary district and soon began operations in what is now Ferry county. He located some of the first claims staked on the reservation, among which may be mentioned The Butte, The Boston, The Greater New York, The Lucky Two, all of which he has patented, also the Home Claim, The Valley Group, and various others. Mr. McCann devotes his entire attention to handling his property, both real estate and mining, and is one of the progressive and leading men of the county. On August 4, 1899, Mr. McCann married Margaret Rekoske, and to this union one child has been born, Beatrice.

Politically, Mr. McCann is inclined to be independent and liberal. In fraternal affiliations he is connected with the A. F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star. His wife belongs to the latter order and is also a member of the Lutheran church.

ARTHUR C. MARS is one of the industrious and capable mining men in Republic who devotes his entire time to this industry. He was born in Marquette county, Michigan on July 24, 1859, being the son of John B. and Addie (Willet) Mars, natives of Canada. They settled in Michigan in the fifties and lived there until 1878, then came to Manitoba, Canada, later moving to the Black Hills. This last move was in 1878 and in that country they now live, being the parents of the following children, A. D., Jerry, Lunis, Emily, Matilda, and A. C., the subject of this article. Arthur received his education in Michigan, then later entered a college in Canada, after which he took a course in the mining institution at Rapid City, South Dakota, and has become an expert in

mineralogy and assaying. After these courses, he gave his attention to mining in the Black Hills until 1896, in which year he came on to Republic. Since then, he has given his entire attention to mining, having located a good many claims and is now an owner of various properties. Among those located may be mentioned the Hidden Fortune, Orofino, Ocean Wave, Cabin Lode, and others. He bought the Mountain View, Hidden Treasure, Old Glory, and a group of five claims in addition. At the present time he is driving a tunnel in the Hidden Fortune and has reached a small vein and expects to get a large ore deposit.

Mr. Mars is a Democrat and in religious persuasion, belongs to the Catholic church.

L. H. MASON, a leading man of Ferry county, is now operating a large general merchandise establishment in Republic. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 9, 1861, and had very scanty privileges for schooling as most of his younger days were spent in laboring on the cotton plantation. Being of an inquiring mind, however, he has made careful personal research, becoming well informed in the leading matters of the day. When twenty-four years of age, he came west, and located at Conconully, Washington in 1887. He labored at different employments there for wages. After a decade, he embarked in the general merchandise business. Following a period spent in that business, he came to Republic and built the second frame structure in the town. He opened a general merchandise establishment and has conducted the same until the present time. He is a skillful business man and wisely selects the goods that are needed in this section, and this fact, together with his uniform and deferential treatment of all customers, has given him a large patronage. His frame structure has given way to a large brick building, the most commodious in the city, which is well stocked with goods. The store is located at the corner of Clark avenue and Eighth street and is the largest of the kind in Ferry county. Mr. Mason carries a full line of dry goods, general furnishings, shoes, clothing, and so forth. His energy and ability have done much in this new country to help improve it since he has been here. Mr. Mason is also interested in mining and is a progressive man on all lines.

Fraternally, he is affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., being junior warden of the lodge.

Mr. Mason married Miss Lelia A. Lindsey of Spokane on October 7, 1897, and to them two children have been born whose names are Elnor and Lelia.

MILLARD F. CROUNSE was born on September 6, 1857 at Auburn, New York. His father, Jacob Crouse was a native also of Auburn and by occupation, a contractor and builder. In 1861, he came west, spending four years in Montana after which he returned to New York. In 1874, he brought his family west and after some time in St. Joseph, came on to California, stopping at various places until he finally reached Portland, Oregon where he dwelt until his death, in 1892. Our subject's mother was a native of Connecticut. Her maiden name was Ann Eliza Gilbert. To them three children were born, William H. and Mary B., both deceased, and Millard F., our subject. He attended the public schools in his native place until twelve years of age, then went to Texas, where he was engaged on a stock ranch for a good many years. He was occupied from Old Mexico to Montana, including all the intervening territory and continued for fifteen years in this invigorating employment. One year of this time, however, was taken as a vacation and for that length of time he pursued his studies in the east. In 1886, Mr. Crouse came to Spokane and opened a livery stable with a partner, the firm name being Crouse and Abrams. He continued this business for three years then sold out and went to Virginia City, Okanogan county. At that place he operated a hotel for seven years, then came to Republic, being one of the first settlers in the camp. He gave his attention to prospecting until 1898, when the south half of the reservation was opened and since then, he has been developing his claims. He has some very fine placer showings, among which is four hundred and eighty acres of placer ground on Gold creek. He also has numerous other claims and considerable timber land in this county.

In 1889 Mr. Crouse married Miss Lucy McCarter of St. Lawrence county, New York and to them one child has been born, Ethel, who is now aged fourteen years and is attending the Aquinas academy, in Tacoma.

IRVIN BALLEW resides at Danville, being one of the well-known citizens of this flourishing village. He was born in Carroll county, Missouri, on April 14, 1860, the son of C. W. and Mary (Shipp) Ballew, natives of Missouri, and of Irish ancestors. They are still residing in Howard county, Missouri, the father aged eighty-five and the mother seventy-five. They are retired farmers and the father served one year in the Civil war. These worthy people were the parents of eleven children, named as follows: Louisa Amick, John H., William H., Florence Davis, C. W. Irvin, R. E., J. S., J. L., Virginia B., Alamang and C. E.

Our subject was educated in Howard county, Missouri, and remained with his parents until twenty years of age, when he began farming for himself. Two years later he came to Denver, Colorado, and there was engaged variously for nearly two years. He went thence to Texas, where he remained for two years, after which he came to the Wood River country in Idaho, and there remained three years. In 1890 we find him at Fairhaven, Washington, whence he journeyed later to Ellensburg and in 1892 came on to Loomis, Washington. In 1894 he was in the Cariboo country and in 1898 settled at Danville. Mr. Ballew has mined in many of the leading camps in the northwest and is now interested in some good property in the Franklin camp, west from Danville. In July, 1898, Mr. Ballew married Miss Pearl Rogers and to them one child has been born, Gladys. Mrs. Ballew has one sister, Julia Stocker.

Mr. Ballew is active in politics and is allied with the Democratic party. He is also a member of the Eagles.

FRANK SUMMERS was born in Lassen county, California, on April 23, 1873. His father, William T. Summers, was a native of Illinois and a cooper by trade. He crossed the plains with wagon train in very early days and met with much hardship from the Indians and their depredations. They finally settled at Willow creek valley and there followed his trade for seven years. After that he embarked in the hotel business at Adin and the original hotel that he constructed then is still in existence, now known as the Exchange house. Later, he sold this and took up mining at Hay-

den Hill. Subsequent to that he opened another hotel which he is still operating at that place. He had married Miss Virginia Walker and to this union fourteen children have been born, eight sons and six daughters, our subject being one of the number. During his early days, Frank was educated in the common schools of his native state and assisted his father in the hotel business and in mining until eighteen years of age when he took charge of the livery business that his father operated in connection with the hotel. After some time at that, he drove stage from Bieber to Susanville, a distance of eighty-five miles, for three years. He did teaming then for some time, after which he opened a meat market in the town of Adin. Selling that, he moved to Hayden Hill and engaged in the Golden Eagle stamp mills. From there, he came to Loomis, Okanogan county, Washington. Soon he journeyed on to where Republic now stands. This was in the spring of 1898 and soon thereafter, he secured employment with Keck & Mason, who are mentioned in this volume. He is steadily engaged with Mr. Keck, who conducts the business.

On June 21, 1895 Mr. Summers was united in marriage to Mrs. Albertine LaPoint. Mrs. Summer's father G. LaPoint is a native of Montreal, Canada, and a millwright. He resides in Republic at the present time. To Mr. and Mrs. Summers, three children have been born, Verda, Chester F., and Ransom V.

Mr. Summers is a member of the Eagles and one of the progressive men of Republic. He is interested in mining claims on the south half of the reservation as well as in other places and owns property besides his residence in Republic.

HALL BROTHERS. Daniel R. and Robert J. Hall are owners and operators of a fine livery business in Republic. They have a large barn, fifty by one hundred feet, with room for fifty tons of loose hay and over fifty head of stock. They have a fine assortment of rigs and plenty of first-class horses, and do a thriving business. They are substantial men and have done their share in building up Republic and fostering the interests of the new county.

Daniel R. Hall was born in Roler Valley, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 1874, being the son of Robert and Isabelle (Moore) Hall, natives

of Scotland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father came to this country when quite young and Pennsylvania was the home of the family until 1886, when they removed to California. The father died in 1903, while making a visit to his son in Republic, and the mother still lives in California. They were the parents of nine children, named as follows: Joshua, Mary, Wm. J., better known as Kelley, Sadie, Robert J., Rebecka, Daniel, Nannie and Alice. Our subject received his education in various places where the family lived, and at the age of eighteen began life for himself. For a while he was engaged on a stock farm and in 1889 came to where Republic now stands. Later, in connection with his brother, Robert J., he opened the Pioneer livery stable of Republic and has continued since, doing a fine business. In addition to this property, he owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land near town.

Politically, Mr. Hall is an active Democrat. He is a member of the Eagles.

The marriage of Daniel R. Hall and Miss Gertrude Coffee was solemnized on January 1, 1904.

Robert J. Hall, better known as James Hall, was born on July 13, 1869, in a rural village of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. He attended the common schools until fourteen years of age, then soon after went to California and engaged in stock farming. From there he came to Republic with his brother, mentioned in this article, and since that time has been associated with him in his business as liveryman. For three years he was interested in the stage line that operated between Republic and Grand Forks, and since then has been one of the firm of Hall Brothers, liverymen. Mr. Hall is a member of the M. W. A. and is a councilman of Republic. Politically he is a solid Democrat and works for his principles.

Robert J. Hall married Miss Nora Page and to them three children have been born: William R., aged seven; Dan J., aged five; and Carrie I., aged three.

JOHN F. MAY, of the firm of Stewart and May, wholesale and retail butchers, is one of the leading business men of Ferry county. In addition to attending to the business just mentioned, Mr. May owns and oversees a very

fine stock ranch seven miles out from Republic, one of the best in the country. He also handles a dairy and does an ice business.

John F. May was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, on November 11, 1871. His father, Thomas J. May, was a native of Illinois and followed carpentering. He is now a resident of Cincinnati, Iowa. The mother of our subject, Mary (Morrow) May, was a native of North Carolina. To her and her husband six children were born, George W.; Edgar B.; Minnie, wife of Mr. McKeegan; Ada, wife of William Bowie; Ida, wife of C. C. McDonald; and John F., our subject. John F. was the youngest of the family and received his education in the public schools of Iowa. When fourteen he left home and was employed on a farm in Kansas for two years. After that, he followed mining for five years, then went to work in a general merchandise store. After two years in that business, he came to British Columbia, then did mining in Washington until 1896. In 1896 Mr. May went to Rosslund and conducted a dairy for two years. He went out of that business and in February, 1898, went to Republic and started in the same business. He has continued in it until the present time, being engaged in the other enterprises mentioned above.

Mr. May is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and one of the leading men of the town.

On July 14, 1898, occurred the marriage of Mr. May and Miss Minnie Skinner, natives of Missouri. To them have been born two children, Bessie A., aged five, and Richard T., aged two years.

PETER B. NELSON is one of the leading business men of Ferry county, being now located at Danville, which was formerly known as Nelson. He conducts a very large mercantile establishment, carrying a stock which is well assorted and very complete, consisting of dry goods, groceries, hardware, drugs, boots, shoes, and so forth. Mr. Nelson has a large two-story block, which cost about five thousand dollars, besides various other property. He also owns a large interest in mining and among which may be mentioned a good holding in the Molly Prichard and the Wellington camp, besides many other promising properties. Mr. Nelson is also at the present time postmaster of Danville.

Peter B. Nelson was born in Vejle, Denmark, on March 17, 1873, being the son of Nels P. B. and Mary (Nelson) Nelson, natives of Denmark, where the father died in 1875. The mother is still living there and conducting a large hotel. Our subject is one of five children, named as follows: S. B., Nels B., Anna B., Petrina E., and Ingeborg. The oldest brother of our subject's father, Jens Bertelsen Nelson, was a member of the lower house in the government of Denmark for 25 years and a very prominent factor in the left wing of the house until his death in 1900. In his native place our subject received his education from a private school, and at the early age of seventeen, launched out for himself, coming to the United States. He came direct to Spokane and entered the employ of O. B. Nelson, his uncle, a well-known merchant at Spokane. One year later he became a member of the firm, which was known as O. B. & P. B. Nelson, their leading quarters being at Nelson, Washington. In 1897 he dissolved partnership, purchasing his uncle's interest in the business and conducting the same alone. In 1898 Mr. Nelson was appointed postmaster of Nelson, and in 1900 resigned and went to Spokane for one year. Afterward he returned and was reappointed to the same position, which he still holds. In 1898 Mr. Nelson took an extended trip to China and Japan, spending six months in the journey.

On June 25, 1902, Mr. Nelson married Miss Mary R. Henderson, whose parents, John B. and Mary R. Henderson, were natives of Ireland and New York, respectively. They now reside at Grand Forks and Mr. Henderson is engaged with a large English syndicate dealing in lumber at Troullake City, B. C. Mrs. Nelson has the following brothers and sisters: Olive, Arthur, Eva, Isabel, Nellie, John, Harold, Mona and Herward.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson one child has been born, Peter B.

In political matters our subject is very active and influential. He has always labored hard for the advancement of the country and is a very stirring and progressive man.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., K. of P., The Eagles, Royal Highlanders, and the A. O. U. W. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Lutheran church and staunch supporters of that faith.

WILLIAM M. CLARK is certainly to be classed as one of the earliest pioneers of Danville. It was he who located the land and received the patent for the same which is now occupied by the town of Danville. Excepting the trading post which was established there, he erected the first building in the town and was a veritable leader in opening up this place. At the time Mr. Clark erected the first structure in Danville, he opened a good general store and also started a butcher shop. Since those days he has been continuously engaged in the prosecution of this enterprise and is now the recipient of a fine patronage. Mr. Clark is considered one of the leading and substantial business men of Danville and his efforts in building up the town and opening the country have met with the approval of all. In addition to his mercantile interests he is quite heavily interested in mining properties in various sections, especially about Danville.

William M. Clark was born in Iowa on July 9, 1856, being the son of Charles and Mary Clark, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, respectively. While our subject was yet an infant, the family went to Nebraska and then crossed the plains with ox teams to Butte county, California. His mother died and he was bound out to a man, S. K. Thomas, for seven years. Upon the completion of this term of service, Mr. Clark went to southern California and Mexico and then returned to Kansas, where he lived until twenty-one years of age. After that he started with a band of horses for the sound, but sold out and went thence to California, whence he came to Puget sound and then to Yakima. In this latter place he remained ten years, being occupied in riding the range. He also bought and shipped cattle to Seattle and other sound points. In 1892 Mr. Clark located in Loomis, Okanogan county, and went into the stock business. Later he went to the Carribou country and located placer ground, which he sold in 1896. Then he came to where Danville now stands and, as stated, secured a patent to the ground and established the town of Danville.

In 1892 Mr. Clark married Miss Bell Balien. Her parents, J. L. and Margaret (Gage) Balien, were natives of Texas and moved to Oregon in 1854. They now reside in Danville. They are the parents of ten children. Mr. Clark has one sister and three brothers,

Katherine, George, Nicholas and Charles. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark two children have been born, James W. and Charles S.

In political matters our subject has always taken an active part and pulled strong for the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and the Eagles. He has passed through the chairs of the two former orders.

HARRY D. MACK is proprietor and operator of a hotel in Curlew, where he does a thriving business. In addition to this he owns and operates a number of mining properties, both in Ferry county and British Columbia, while also he has other business interests in different portions of the state.

Harry D. Mack was born in Brooklyn, Jackson county, Michigan, on November 12, 1863, being the son of David and Jane (Thompson) Mack, natives of Scotland and Canada, respectively. They were married in Canada, whence they came direct to the United States, settling in Michigan, where they remained for the rest of their lives. The father enlisted in the Civil war in 1864, and served on the bridge or carpenter corps to the end of the struggle. He died November 16, 1868, while coming home from war. Our subject is the youngest of the family and his brothers and sisters are named as follows: Elzina Leonard, William, Mary, deceased, Ida and Lyda, twins, the former married J. Smith and the latter, Mr. Ingalls. Our subject received his first schooling in Brooklyn, Michigan, and at the age of fourteen laid aside his books and took up the stern duties of life. He first served as bellboy in several hotels in Detroit, Michigan, for four years. After this he came west to Miles City, Montana, with an engineer corps on the Northern Pacific. Later he became timekeeper, after which he opened a restaurant in Billings, Montana. In 1883 he started a fruit commission establishment in Bozeman, Montana, shipping the first train load of fruit in that state. From there he went to Helena, where he opened a restaurant and in 1884 came to Coeur d' Alene during the gold excitement. After prospecting some time, he went to Butte, Montana, and continued again in the restaurant business. From that place Mr. Mack went to Redcliffe,

California, where he was in business for a time, then traveled for two years selling medicine. Following this, we find him in British Columbia operating a hotel in Nelson, whence he went to Greenwood, where he continued in the same business and also devoted some time to prospecting. He did business in Republic in 1891, and in 1892 opened his hotel in Curlew, which he operates at the present time.

On October 3, 1899, Mr. Mack married Miss Caroline Bolton, a native of Iowa, who came west to Oregon in 1896, and to Grandforks, British Columbia, in 1899.

Politically Mr. Mack is a Republican, and always takes an active interest in the campaigns, while in his fraternal relations he is allied with the Eagles, being a popular and capable man.

CHARLES H. LEWIS is the owner of a good hotel business in Curlew, Washington, being a pioneer in that section. He was born in Lewiston, Maine, on December 26, 1862, the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Kyles) Lewis, of old Puritan stock in Maine. They remained in Lewiston until the time of their death. Our subject is the oldest of eight children, named as follows: Charles H., Mary, Cora, Lincoln, Amos, Rosie, Abbie, and Walter. In his native place our subject received schooling, until he was twelve years of age, when he went to work in a shoe factory in Auburn, Maine. For two years he was occupied thus, then clerked in a hotel for four years. In 1882 he came west to Helena, Montana, and there did teaming and freighting and was also interested in the restaurant business during the five years he was there. In 1887 he came on to Spokane, working as conductor on the Idaho division of the Northern Pacific railroad. Ten years later, in 1897, he came to Stevens county, that part which is now Ferry county, locating at Curlew, where he was occupied as salesman in a small store occupying a log cabin. He built the first house that was erected in Curlew, and opened a hotel, which has been operated continuously since. In addition to this property, Mr. Lewis owns a half interest in the waterworks system in the town, besides other property and business interests in the county.

On February 8, 1893, Mr. Lewis married Miss Bertha Nelson, a native of Iowa, and a

pioneer to Spokane, in 1886. Her parents are natives of Norway, to whom five children were born, Christina, Delia, Henry and Bertha.

In political matters Mr. Lewis is a staunch Republican, and takes an interest that becomes every citizen in this country. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., also of the Eagles.

GEORGE F. BAIZLEY is game warden of Ferry county, and an active and conscientious officer. He was born in San Francisco, California, October 20, 1859, being the son of S. E. and Ellen (Dailey) Baizley, natives of Massachusetts. In 1849 the parents came by way of Cape Horn to California, where the father operated in the navy yard for years. They were in San Francisco in 1868 at the time of the great earthquake, then moved to Vallejo, where the mother died in 1871. Later the father came to Portland, Oregon, and worked in the ship yards, where he was killed in 1881. Mr. Baizley has two sisters living, Nellie Yates and Marion Ricker. There were seven children in his father's family, but all the rest are deceased.

George F. was educated in Vallejo, California, and when fourteen shipped on the Black Hawk merchantman and went to New York. There he transferred to the Champlain, coming back to California, but was wrecked on Farloan island, near Golden Gate, where he was rescued by the schooner Mendocino. Returning home he remained four years and then came to Walla Walla. During the Nez Perce war he did excellent service as messenger. On one occasion he came from where Grangeville now stands, to Lapwai, and found the bodies of Lieutenant Rams and seven soldiers, which were later brought in by government wagons. He had some very exciting experiences in that war. When it was over, he settled down to handling cattle for Lang & Ryan. In 1882 he took a herd to the Northwest Territory, but all were lost during the hard winter. He came across from Crow's Nest Pass and swam every river from Canada to Sandpoint, whence he made his way to Spokane, and again entered the employ of Lang & Ryan. He was sent to Cheyenne, removed thence to Crabcreek, Washington, and later was at Pendleton. After this, we find him in the Coeur d' Alene country, then on the

sound, and in 1890 in Fairhaven, whence he went to Snohomish in 1892. He was in business there for a year, then came to Leavenworth, Washington, and later to Lewiston, whence he came in 1897 to Republic, where he now lives, having a good home besides other property.

In 1890 Mr. Baizley married Miss Lucy Fryer, whose parents crossed the plains with the Whitman party in the 'forties. The father died in Oregon in 1893, and the mother died at Tacoma. They were the parents of the following children: Katie, Dora, Fanny and Lucy. They had some very trying times with the Indians in the pioneer days, and endured many hardships.

Mr. Baizley is an active Democrat and always labors for the advancement of his party. He is a member of the Eagles and a man of good standing in the community.

ISAAC LA FLEUR is a native of North Washington, being born at Colville on August 25, 1865, the son of Mitchell and Mary Le Fleur, natives of lower Canada and British Columbia, respectively. The parents were married in Victoria and came to Colville in 1856, where they remained until 1891. In that year they moved to the vicinity of Curlew, where the father died in 1898. The mother still lives on the Spokane reservation, aged eighty. They were the parents of the following children: Telda, deceased; Matilda; Joseph; Olive, deceased; Olive; West, deceased; John; Maggie; Isaac; Edward, deceased, and Edward. In the schools of Colville our subject was educated, that place having better privileges than many of the frontier sections of Washington. When fifteen years old he left his books and began work for himself. He journeyed to Walla Walla and was there for five years engaged in various occupations. After this he came back to Colville, then went to British Columbia, being occupied in the cow punching business there one year. Again he returned to Colville, then went to Nelson. After that he settled in the vicinity of Curlew and gave his attention to farming, stock raising and freighting until 1901, when he selected his present allotment, four miles south from Curlew, which consists of two hundred and forty acres, half of which he is now cultivat-

ing. Mr. La Fleur raises stock and hay and is prosperous.

In 1889 Mr. LaFleur married Miss Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Mary Lambert. To this union two children were born, Marie and Katie, who have allotments in the vicinity of the father's estate and also own some cattle.

In political matters Mr. LaFleur is a Republican and takes a lively interest.

On March 26, 1904, Mr. LaFleur was married to Miss M. E. McKenzie at Republic, Washington. Miss McKenzie was born and educated in eastern Canada.

MAXWELL H. SHINN is a well-known and prominent business man in Republic, where he operates a commission house. He is one of the pioneers of Republic, and has labored assiduously to make it a thriving center.

Maxwell H. Shinn was born in Quincy, Illinois, on November 18, 1852, being the son of James and Elizabeth (Reeder) Shinn, natives of West Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. They settled in Quincy in 1830, and came to Spokane in 1880, where the father opened the first planing mill in Spokane. He did business there for four years, after which he consolidated his interests with the Brickell company. Later he sold out and retired, living in Spokane until his death, in 1891, when his estate was appraised at ninety-two thousand dollars. The mother is still living in Spokane. The father was a member of the Illinois legislature before he left that state, and was a very prominent and capable business man. They were the parents of thirteen children, there being three pairs of twins in this number. Those who are living are named as follows: Maxwell H., our subject; Wilbur, H. J. and Pet.

Our subject was educated in the common schools, then graduated from Quincy college, in 1869, and afterwards took a diploma from the Gem City business college. Immediately following this he went to work on a Mississippi steamboat and one year later went on the road for a Quincy tobacco house. In 1873 he was elected manager for a fruit grower's association and remained in that capacity until 1882, when he came west to Cheney. He collected for Knapp, Burell & Company of Colfax, for four years, after which he went to Spokane and took

up the commission business. Later he took as partner E. Lozier, but after some time they sold out. Mr. Shinn operated in this business in Spokane until the spring of 1893, when he transferred his family to Kettle Falls and continued in the commission business until May, 1897, when he came to Republic, and is now one of the prosperous business men of this town.

On February 18, 1875, Mr. Shinn married Miss Sarah E., daughter of Alexander and Mary (Crocker) Croson, natives of Virginia, and parents of seven children. To our subject and his wife five children have been born: Pearl, deceased; Elsie, wife of Frank Royer, in Grandforks; Frank P., going to business college in Spokane; Alford, deceased, being the first white child who died in the Republic camp; and Fanchon, the baby.

Mr. Shinn is an active, influential Republican and is now a member of the city council. He has served in various offices as deputy sheriff, and while in Illinois was deputy sheriff, auditor, and so forth. Mr. Shinn is a warm friend of ex-Governor Palmer and has been associated with the family for years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the A. F. & A. M. and the M. W. A., of which he is an organizer. Mrs. Shinn is a member of the Methodist church.

QUINLAND DIMOND. This venerable citizen of Ferry county is one of the pioneers of this section and has had a vast experience in many parts of the United States.

He was born on Lake Champlain, New York, on October 13, 1829, being the son of Thomas and Sally (Sleepes) Dimond, natives of New Hampshire. They settled in Franklin county, New York, and there remained until their death, the father passing away in 1860, and the mother in 1864. They were the parents of twelve children and our subject was the youngest. In Vermont and New York, our subject received his education, and until twenty-one remained with his parents, at which time he started out for himself. He first worked in a gristmill, then went to Palmyra, New York, and worked in a distillery. In 1852 he came via the Isthmus to California and did mining for two years. He made considerable money at this and then took a trip to New York and visited, after which he went to Sturgis, Mich.,

and operated in the butcher business for five years. Following this Mr. Dimond raised broom corn and manufactured brooms for some time. We next see him working in a broom factory in Detroit, and in 1864, he crossed the plains to Montana, and there mined for three years. In 1870, he came to Walla Walla and freighted for some time, after which he located a farm in Pleasant valley. In 1896 Mr. Dimond came to Ferry county, and opened a boarding house, his wife being the first white woman in the camp at Republic. He then opened a hotel and later took his present place as a mining claim, about one mile north from Republic. He does farming and handles cattle and has a well-improved estate.

In 1878 Mr. Dimond married Miss Irene, daughter of William and Mary J. Torrance, natives of Oregon. She died in 1880, and in 1889, June 5, Mr. Dimond married Mrs. Mary Wiseman, widow of Harold Wiseman. Mrs. Dimond has one son by her former marriage, J. A., now living at home. Mr. Dimond is a staunch Republican.

JOSEPH WINKER is a well known business man of Republic, where he is engaged in the brewery business. The plant is located two and one half miles east from the town. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 21, 1864, the son of Andrew and Mary (Johnson) Winker, natives of Germany and Sweden, respectively. The parents came to the United States in 1855, settling in St. Paul, where the father died in 1871. His widow is still living in that state. They were the parents of four children, Joseph, Mary, Lawrence, and Ellen. Our subject was favored with a good education in St. Paul, studying in both the English and the German languages. At the age of twenty-two, he began business for himself and at once learned brewing and followed it for years. He was not privileged, however, to learn it from his father as he had died before Joseph was old enough to begin as an apprentice. In 1888, Mr. Winker left Minnesota and came to Montana, where he followed his trade until 1889. Owing to adverse circumstances, he was obliged to close out his business and in 1893, went to Butte, where he remained five years. In 1898, together with George Falligan, he came to Re-

public and soon thereafter built the brewery which he is now operating. It is a good large establishment and turns out twenty-five barrels a day. It is so located that he has abundance of spring water and a fine power to run the machinery. Mr. Winker has a partner, Arnold Maschke, and he gives his attention to operating a saloon in Republic while Mr. Winker supervises the brewery.

In April, 1898, Mr. Winker married Miss Louise Collins, whose parents were born in Kentucky. She also was born in Kentucky, and was one of a family of three children.

In political matters, Mr. Winker is liberal and bound by no party affiliations. Fraternally, he is a member of the Elks and Eagles, while his wife belongs to the Rebekahs.

MAXIM DESAUTEL is one of the earliest settlers in the territory now occupied by Ferry county, and since those days of pioneering has labored constantly here in the good work of building up the country and bringing in civilization's benefits. At the present time Mr. Desautel is handling an estate of seven hundred and twenty acres, one hundred acres producing timothy and grain and the balance used for pasture.

He was born in Colville, Washington, on February 13, 1854, being the son of Joseph and Julia (LeFleur) Desautel, natives of Canada and Washington, respectively. The parents were married in Colville and lived there most all their lives. For fourteen years, however, they were at Nespelem, then returned to Colville, and in 1887 came thence to Curlew, where they now reside, the father being aged seventy-nine and the mother sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of the following named children, Maxim, John, Adolph, Frank, Felix, Matilda, Rosa, Olive. Our subject was raised on the frontier and consequently had no opportunity to gain an education, but owing to his careful observation and improvements of the opportunities presented, he has become a well-informed man, while his extensive travels and numerous business enterprises, conducted successfully, have made him rich in valuable experience. At the age of twenty-one he started out in life for himself, his first work being farming in the Big Bend country. For fourteen

years he remained there, then removed to Hunter creek, in Stevens county, farming and raising stock for nine years. Then he sold his property and settled where he now resides. The country was new and there were no settlers near. He had to haul all his provisions from Marcus, a distance of eighty miles, and he made two trips each year. He did considerable hunting and the wife tanned the deer skins and make buckskin gloves, shirts, and so forth, which they sold and thus made a living. They soon began in the dairy business and took their butter sixty miles to market, receiving therefor sixty cents per pound. Mr. Desautel continued to prosper until he now has a large band of stock, the excellent estate above mentioned, which is well improved with buildings and so forth, besides other property.

In 1874, Mr. Desautel married Miss Louise, daughter of Bassl and Josette (Finley) Peone, natives of Colville and Montana, respectively. The father died in 1862 and the mother now lives on the Spokane reservation. Mrs. Desautel is one of four children, William, Elenor, Joseph and Louise. To Mr. and Mrs. Desautel, fourteen children have been born, those living being named as follows: Edward, in South Africa; Gilbert and Melvin J., in Ferry county; William, attending the government school at Fort Spokane; Nancy; Maggie; Dora; Basil; Maxim, and Elinor. Mr. and Mrs. Desautel are consistent members of the Catholic church and have certainly labored in a commendable manner since residing in this county and it is gratifying to see the improvements in this section of the country.

JUSTICE A. RUTHERFORD has a fine quarter section of land near Republic, while his family has considerable more. They have one hundred acres under cultivation and raise considerable hay.

Justice A. Rutherford was born in New York on May 7, 1852, being the son of Allan and Jane (Connell) Rutherford, natives of New York and of Scotch ancestry. The father died when our subject was very young. The mother accumulated quite a nice fortune by her own efforts. They were the parents of the following named children: Allan, deceased; Jane, Annot, Allan, James, Hannah and Kate. James was a

representative in the state legislature in New York in the 'fifties and died about 1858. He was a very prominent politician in the state and a man of great influence. Our subject was born in New York City on May 7, 1852, and received a fair training in the city schools. At eighteen years of age he began life for himself. His first venture was to work in a hotel and in 1876 he came west to the Black Hills, in Dakota, and two years later he went to Leadville and thence to Old Mexico, where he operated a hotel. In 1883 we find him in California, and in 1891 conducting a hotel in Montana. In 1896 he was at Fort Steal, British Columbia, in the hotel business, then he came to the Coeur d'Alene country. Afterwards he journeyed to Seattle, then to Alaska in 1897. One year later he came to Republic, and since that time has made his home here.

In 1879 Mr. Rutherford married Miss Luella Wilder and to them two children were born, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Rutherford died in 1888. In 1899 Mr. Rutherford married Mrs. Rosa LeFleur, daughter of Joseph Desautel. By her first husband, Mrs. Rutherford has three children, Odell, Michael and Myrtle.

Politically, Mr. Rutherford is an active republican and is greatly interested in the welfare of his party. He is a member of the K. of P., while he and his wife belong to the Episcopal church.

JOHN STACK, a sterling and capable business man of Republic, is also one of the pioneers of that town, and is known as a moving spirit in the development of Ferry county. In 1898 he was appointed the first postmaster of Republic and has held that position continuously since, to the entire satisfaction of all the patrons of the office. When first coming to Republic, Mr. Stack opened a merchandise establishment, and has since increased his business until he is now one of the largest wholesale and retail merchants in the county, handling a very complete stock of general merchandise and supplies.

John Stack was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on May 21, 1859, being the son of John and Mary (Maroney) Stack, natives of county Clair, Ireland, who immigrated to the United States in 1851. They landed at New Orleans, which was their home for five years previous to their

moving to Dubuque, Iowa. They remained there until 1865, when the father died, leaving a widow and three children. The children are named as follows: Mary, wife of Patsey Clark, in Spokane; Ellen, wife of John Bresnahan; and John, the subject of this article. In 1866, the mother moved to Montana, and our subject there received his education in the public schools, after which he assisted his mother in operating a boarding house for many years. They moved to different places and finally in 1887, came to the Coeur d'Alene country and then to Rossland in 1895, opening a hotel, which he has kept since first commencing with his mother. In 1897, Mr. Stack came into the camp of Republic and started a supply store in a tent. In addition to a thriving mercantile business, he now owns and operates considerable mining property in the reservation country, and some real estate in Republic. Mr. Stack has organized the Stack Supply Company of which he is president and manager.

In 1894, Mr. Stack married Miss Ella Hurley, a native of New Albin, Iowa, whose parents were born in Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Stack, three children have been born, Marie, Ella, and John.

In political matters, Mr. Stack is a good active Republican, and has held various offices, among which may be mentioned commissioner of Shoshone county, Idaho, and school director at Burke, Idaho, and others.

Mr. Stack is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Catholic church. He is a man of good standing, and has won distinction for himself in the business world.

HENRY WAISMAN is the head salesman for the Stack Supply Company, of Republic, which position he has held for some time. He is a keen, substantial, business man, and is known as one of the leading men in Ferry county.

Henry Waisman was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on March 17, 1857, being the son of James A. and Elizabeth (Hollingsworth) Waisman, natives of Virginia. They settled in Knoxville in early days, and remained there until the time of their death, the father passing away in 1870, and the mother in 1872. They were the parents of three

children, William, Henry, and Elizabeth. Our subject received a good common-school education in Knoxville, and at the age of thirteen, began work for himself in railroad construction. Four years later, he came to Helena, Montana, and in 1877 went into the merchandise business, in which he continued for three years. After this, he was variously employed with large companies in different capacities until 1898, when he came to Ferry county, and entered the employ of the Stack Supply Company. When Ferry county was organized, he was elected first sheriff, and after a successful term of two years, again associated himself with the Stack Supply Company, where we find him at the present time. Mr. Waisman has some property in Republic, besides considerable mining property in various sections of the country.

In 1884, Mr. Waisman married Miss Jennie, daughter of P. and Margaret (Quingley) Holland, natives of Ireland, who came to America and located in Michigan in early days. They were the parents of seven children. To Mr. and Mrs. Waisman, three children have been born, Ethel, Mabel, and Winnie. Mr. Waisman is a Democrat, and very active in his party. He has held various offices besides that of sheriff, and has always been a popular and progressive man. Mr. Waisman is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and one of the substantial pioneers of the now thriving town of Republic.

LESTER SLY. The commercial interests of Republic have been well looked after during the years of her existence and among the leading merchants of Ferry county today, stands the subject of this article. He also has the distinction of being one of the pioneer merchants of this part of the country.

Lester Sly was born in Belleplaine, Scott county, Minnesota, on April 26, 1869, being the son of J. B. and Ann E. (Russell) Sly, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively. They settled in Minnesota in 1851, where the father died, aged sixty-four years, in 1892. The mother then came west to Washington, where she now resides with her daughter, Mrs. N. R. Robinson. She is the mother of six children, Lester, Samuel E., Carolina L., Josephine, James F. and Charles E. Our sub-

ject received a good education in Belleplaine, and when fourteen years of age began working for himself. He was at home at intervals until 1886, when he came to Spokane, and after a short time spent there in the employ of Brooke and Davies, went on to the Coeur d'Alene country and was time keeper and bookkeeper for the narrow gauge road, constructed by D. C. Corbin, this being the first railroad in that country. Later, he went to the Colville valley and engaged in the Young American mine at Bossburg. Later, he went to Okanogan county and in 1887 started prospecting, which he followed until 1895, when he went to Slocan, British Columbia, and engaged as clerk in the Slocan Store Company. He continued in that capacity for two years, when he returned to Okanogan county, and finally settled in the Curlew valley in 1897, having brought with him a large load of general merchandise. He entered into partnership with Charles Hermann at Conconully. They were about the first to establish themselves as merchants in this valley, and have continued in the merchandise business, increasing their stock until at the present time they are among the leading merchants of north Washington. Mr. Sly has various other property, such as a town residence, and mining and farming interests. He has a valuable quarter section partly in the city of Republic.

On June 8, 1898, Mr. Sly married Hannah E. Neilson, a native of Norway. Her father is dead and her mother now lives at Christiana, Norway. Mrs. Sly is one of four children, P. M., Siegel, Elsa, and Hannah. To Mr. and Mrs. Sly two children have been born, Gordon, April 8, 1899, and Helen, December 7, 1901. Mr. Sly, who is a good active Republican, was a member of the board of county commissioners, and has been very active in building up the town and county. He is a member of the Ferry Lodge No. 111, A. F. & A. M., the Eastern Star, the I. O. F., the W. W., and the M. W. A. Mrs. Sly belongs to the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs, and the Methodist church.

WILLIAM C. OTTO has the distinction of having opened the first general merchandise store in the now thriving town of Republic. Since those early days he has been an active

business man of the town, and is today of excellent standing in the community.

William C. Otto was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on November 21, 1862, being the son of Casper and Mary Otto, natives of Germany and immigrants to America in the fifties, when they settled in Michigan. The mother died in 1863 and the father in 1892. They were the parents of four children, Fred, Annie McClellan, William C., and Frank. The father was a prominent farmer, whose family had high and influential connections. Our subject was educated in Ypsilanti, Detroit, and Cincinnati, Ohio, receiving excellent training and being well fortified for the battles of life. The first four years after he stepped forth from the parental roof were spent in managing a hotel at Grand Forks, Dakota. In 1888, he came to Washington and opened a store at Moses Crossing, Douglas county, where he did business for two years. Later, he removed to Almira, Lincoln county, and in 1896 came on to Republic. In the spring, in company with J. C. Keller, as stated above, he opened the first general merchandise store here. He continued in this connection until 1899 when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Otto is now associated in the general merchandise business with Mr. Lester Sly, who is named elsewhere in this volume. This firm has continued in business since and now handles a fine patronage. Their store is well supplied with a large assortment of goods, and they are the leading merchants in this part of the country. Mr. Otto has collected property in addition to his merchandise establishment, owning city, mining and farm land.

In 1885, Mr. Otto married Miss Mary, daughter of John and Mary Stelzer, and a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. To this union, one child, Mabel was born, who is now being educated in Indianapolis, Indiana. On December 29, 1887, at Grand Forks, North Dakota, Mr. Otto was called to mourn the death of his wife. On February 9, 1903, in Bayard, Iowa, Mr. Otto married Mrs. Carrie Hafner, the widow of Walter Hafner and daughter of J. T. and Jane (Silcox) Perkins, natives of Massachusetts. The parents removed from the Bay State to New York and in 1886 to Iowa, where they now live at a good old age. They both have connections with prominent families of Revolutionary days. Mrs. Otto's grandfather, Timothy Perkins, enlisted with the early patriots in Febru-

ary, 1776, being a volunteer from Massachusetts. Mr. Otto is a liberal democrat, and has held various offices since residing in Republic, and fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., the M. W. A., and the Eagles. Mrs. Otto is a member of the Rebekahs, of the Methodist church, and of the Royal Neighbors.

JOHN E. RITTER is now treasurer of Ferry county. He was first appointed in 1901 to fill an unexpired term in this office, and the following year was elected to continue in the same office. Previous to this he had been treasurer of Republic, and had also served a term as commissioner in that county. He is a first class officer and has given satisfaction.

John E. Ritter was born in Illinois on November 4, 1866, being the son of J. H. and Alice Ritter, natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois, respectively. As the parents of our subject died when he was four years of age, he was taken to the home of J. Bottorff, where he remained until sixteen. He had one brother, Jerry H., who is deceased, and two sisters, Alice, wife of John Flynn, of Ashland, Illinois, and Susie M., married to Kirt White, of Petersburg, Illinois. Our subject was educated in the common schools of Adams county, Illinois, and at the age of sixteen began to learn telegraphy. As soon as proficient, he took a position on the Texas Pacific railroad as operator, and later was in the employ of the Missouri Pacific in Missouri. In 1889, he came to Sprague, Washington, and operated there and at Cheney, until the time of the extension of the Washington Central railroad, when he took a position at Wilbur in 1893, remaining in the same until 1898. In that year, Mr. Ritter came to Ferry county and associated himself with J. C. Keller in merchandising. Soon after he was located as stated above, and since that time has been in public office. Mr. Ritter has accumulated some excellent property, including lands and buildings in Republic, mining property, and other real estate. He has a comfortable residence, and is one of the leading men of the county.

In 1896, Mr. Ritter married Miss Myrtle, daughter of H. D. and Julia Hall, natives of Connecticut and Missouri, respectively. Mrs. Ritter was born in Greenfield, Missouri. She

has one brother, Edward C., a lumber merchant at Aurora, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Ritter, two children have been born, June E. and J. Edward.

Mr. Ritter has always been active in political matters, being allied with the Democratic party. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Ferry Lodge No. 111, A. F. & A. M., the Eastern Star, and the W. W., while his wife is also a member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Ritter is an accomplished musician and has done excellent work as instructor in this art. Their home is a center of refinement, where Mrs. Ritter presides with gracious hospitality.

HON. JAMES T. JOHNSON is a leading attorney of Ferry county, and has manifested, during his residence here, a marked spirit of uprightness and ability, both in his labors in a public capacity and in his profession. In political matters, in which he has always taken an active interest, he is a strong Democrat. In 1900, he was elected to the state legislature, running against James P. Harvey, one of the managers of the Republic mine. So well did Mr. Johnson fulfil the expectations of his constituents, that in 1902, he was re-elected, running against J. A. Clay. In the state legislature, Mr. Johnson has made an excellent record, and has won various distinctions for himself, being a man of strong individuality and keen discrimination.

James T. Johnson was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, on July 24, 1867, being the son of William Penn and Lydia R. (Bean) Johnson, natives of Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland, respectively. The mother died when our subject was young, but the father still lives in Pennsylvania where he formerly was occupied as a millwright and in the lumber business. He is now living in retirement with his daughter. Our subject has one sister, Frances L., wife of David H. Watts, in the old home county. During his boyhood days Mr. Johnson settled in Clearfield county, then went to Louisiana, later to Valparaiso, Indiana, and there received the degree of A. B. at the Valparaiso Educational Institute, and also took a course in engineering. Leaving college in 1888, he went to Labula, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and took up school teaching.

Later, he spent two and one-half years in the law office of Orvis & Snyder, the leading lawyers of central Pennsylvania, then studied one year in the University of Pennsylvania. In April, 1891, Mr. Johnson opened an office in Roanoke, Virginia, and gave himself to the practice of law there until March, 1899, when he was advised, on account of failing health, to seek a more salubrious climate. He located in Republic and on April 13, 1899, opened a law office. Since that time he has been engaged in following his profession, dealing with mining enterprises and fulfilling his responsibilities in public capacities.

Mr. Johnson is a member of Ferry Lodge No. 111, A. F. & A. M., the Eastern Star, and the I. O. O. F. In religious matters he was brought up a Quaker, but is not now a member of any denomination.

THOMAS F. BARRETT, who is at present the capable and genial auditor of Ferry county, was born in Detroit, Michigan, on September 18, 1867, the son of Richard and Catherine (Cavanaugh) Barrett, natives of Ireland and Canada, respectively. The father came to Canada from his native country when young, and later moved with his family to Michigan, where he remained for six years. After that, he returned to Canada and died in 1900. The mother died in 1899. Our subject has one brother, James, in Michigan. Thomas F. was educated in the public schools in Michigan and Canada, and then took a course in the Bryant-Stratton College. After graduating in 1885, he did bookkeeping in Canada, and then was a traveling salesman for five years. After this, Mr. Barrett went to Colorado in 1892, and followed bookkeeping for six years. Subsequent to that he went on a visit to Michigan and Canada, and in 1899, came to Republic. He had relatives in this section who were engaged in mining, which led him to take up the same occupation. He took a farm when the reservation opened, and also engaged in bookkeeping.

In politics Mr. Barrett is an active Democrat. In the campaign in 1902, he was nominated for auditor against A. S. Soule, Republican, and elected by a large majority. He has given entire satisfaction in this office, and is a man well esteemed. Mr. Barrett is a member of the Catholic church.

SHERE H. MANLEY, M. D., came to Republic in 1898, and he is, beyond doubt, the most prominent physician in Ferry county. He was born on a farm near Norwalk, Ohio, on March 10, 1847, and is the son of John A. and Eliza (La Barre) Manley, natives of Vermont and New York, respectively. The parents lived twenty-five years in Ohio and fifteen in Kent county, Michigan. In the latter place the father died in 1869. The mother is still living with her sons in Grand Forks, British Columbia. She has reached the advanced age of eighty-seven, but enjoys good health. Dr. Manley is the oldest of seven children, the others being, John, deceased; John A., formerly the promoter of the Kettle Falls railroad in Ferry county, but now residing in Chicago; J. L.; W. K. C.; Eliza A., deceased; and Lloyd A., who is a banker in Grand Forks.

Dr. Manley received a liberal English education and then in 1870 matriculated at the Keokuk Medical College in Iowa, from which he received his diploma in 1873. Since that time he has continuously practiced medicine and has taken several post-graduate courses, one being in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, from which institution he holds excellent diplomas dated 1893. The doctor has devoted the undivided and assiduous efforts of many years to the study and practice of his profession with the natural result that he has acquired a thorough and extensive knowledge of the science. He has not, however, allowed his devotion to his profession to cause him to neglect his duties as a citizen but has always taken an enthusiastic interest in the questions of the day. His ability as a practitioner has always been rewarded with a lucrative practice and he has left indelible proofs of his labors for good in every community where he has been. In 1875, he was chosen mayor of Fremont, Michigan, and served with acceptability to the people in that and other offices. After coming west, the doctor was soon chosen as representative from Whatcom to the legislature, the year being 1884. The next year he came east of the Cascades and located at Colville. He was received as becomes a man of ability and soon was chosen coroner of the county of Stevens. His practice grew to large proportions, and he was prominent in politics and mining circles as well. His greatest service to the state was doubtless when he labored in the

state constitutional convention as a representative from Stevens and a part of Spokane counties. This convention framed the constitution for the state to come.

Since coming to Republic, he has been a leading spirit in the development and upbuilding of this section. He is county physician, coroner, and president of the board of health of Republic. He has been appointed local surgeon for the Great Northern, and is United States pension examiner. He has equipped the Manley hospital and has always been a firm believer in Republic and her mining industries and resources. He has large mining and other property interests and is handling the largest medical practice in the county.

In 1887, Dr. Manley married Miss Florence Gotel, the daughter of James Gotel, one of the founders of Saginaw, Michigan, and a prominent business man and social leader there. He died many years since. Mrs. Manley's mother was, before her marriage, Miss Marie Tibbitts. She is now dwelling in Colorado Springs, aged eighty-six. Mrs. Manley had two sisters, Mrs. Ida Cooper, of Colorado Springs, and Allie, deceased. To Dr. Manley and his wife eight children have been born, four of whom died in infancy. The others, three charming daughters and a bright son, are named as follows, Florence Alene, Ida Cooper, Bessie Beryl, and John Everett.

Dr. Manley is a stanch Democrat, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons, in the Royal Arch degree, and the K. of P. He also belongs to the State Medical Society. The family attend the Episcopal church.

JOHN A. DODSON is one of the younger business men of Republic, and has shown himself genial, upright, and obliging, and is of good standing in the community. He was born in Sedgwick county, Kansas, on March 6, 1876, being the son of Charles F. and Elizabeth (Fry) Dodson, natives of the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, who came to Kansas in early days and now reside in Sedgwick City. They are the parents of seven children, William, Thomas R., Edward I., Ella E., John A., Cora, and Bertha M. Our subject was educated in his native place, and at the age of fifteen, started in life for himself. After working two years on a

farm, he went to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and there learned the barber business in the employ of his brother Thomas R. In 1896, he came to British Columbia, and worked at his trade for two years, then he came down to Republic and opened an establishment, which he has operated since that time. Mr. Dodson owns a comfortable residence, his shop, and other town property. He does a good business, and has prospered since coming to Republic.

On September 20, 1900, Mr. Dodson married Miss Lulu M. D., daughter of George and Sarah (Prouty) Staves, natives of Iowa. The father has lived in nearly all the western states, and was in Stevens county in the 'sixties, returning again to the east. In 1890, he came to Stevens county again, and is now living just east of Colville. Mrs. Dodson has three sisters, Grace O., Lillian E., and Nora F. The ancestors of our subject and his wife are prominent and well-to-do people. Politically, Mr. Dodson is liberal, and fraternally, he is affiliated with the Eagles.

WILLIAM COMPTON BROWN. The subject of this sketch is a native of Minnesota, in which state he always lived until coming to the Pacific coast in 1897. The city of Rochester, in Olmsted county, is the place of his birth, and the date thereof February 15, 1869, at which place his parents have resided many years, and he is their only surviving son. His father, who also bears the given name of William, is a Canadian by birth, of Scotch parentage. Together with our subject's mother, he is spending the autumn of life at their home in Rochester, Minnesota.

Our subject grew up to early manhood in the city and county of his birth and received his education entirely at the public schools thereof, with the exception of a short course in a local business college and part of one year spent at school in Cleveland, Ohio. At the age of eighteen he began the study of law, and pursued his studies in various law offices in his native city during the next two ensuing years, devoting, however, the greater portion of his time during the same period to newspaper reporting and corresponding, for which he had a natural liking, and at times was undecided whether to fit himself for the profession of law or for that

of journalism. He finally made his choice for the former, entered the law college of the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and graduated therefrom in May, 1891. Immediately upon receiving his degree from that institution and being admitted thereon to the bar of the state, he went to Stephen, in Marshall county, Minnesota, and opened a law office at that place in June, 1891, and practiced there during the subsequent six years. Shortly after locating at Stephen, he became associated in business at that place with Greeley E. Carr, which law partnership, under the firm name of Brown & Carr, continued until Mr. Brown departed from the state in 1897, and the firm enjoyed a large and lucrative law business in that section throughout the term of its existence. Our subject was elected county attorney of Marshall county in 1892 and served two successive terms, which extended up to the end of the year 1896. In 1897 he came west on a pleasure trip, visiting extensively through the southwestern states and territories and in Old Mexico, and traveled throughout the Pacific coast states. His observations during this tour induced him to decide to change his location and upon his return to Minnesota he discontinued his business relations there, but before settling in a new field the great rush of 1897-98 to the Klondike came on and Mr. Brown, becoming imbued with its spirit, went north with the tide of that famous stampede, going in by the Skagway route, and the year 1898 was spent in Dawson and the surrounding region and at other Yukon river points. Fortune failed, however, to favor him in the far north, and at the close of the year he decided to return to the states. While at St. Michael's on the way out he heard reports of new placer discoveries being made up the coast. These in fact were the initial strikes around Cape Nome, but as the reports were vague and indefinite, and, as unreliable rumors of new finds were rife everywhere in that country, he took steamer for Puget Sound without realizing what he was passing by. After returning from Alaska he first spent a few months in Seattle with a view of establishing himself there, but upon the passage of the bill by the state legislature creating the new county of Ferry he decided to locate in Republic, which place had been made the county seat of the new county of Ferry, and was then enjoying a great boom and looked upon as having excellent pros-

pects of speedily becoming one of the greatest mining towns on the Pacific slope. He opened a law office in Republic in March, 1899, and has been carrying on the practice of his profession there at all times since.

Our subject was married in April, 1901, at Spokane, Washington, to Miss Sidney, only daughter of Andrew F. Burleigh, the well-known lawyer and politician, who a few years ago was a man of great influence in the affairs of this state, and was receiver of the Northern Pacific railway during that road's financial difficulties in the middle 'nineties, and who is now practicing law in New York city.

Mr. Brown cast his first vote in 1892, and prior to 1896 was an upholder of Democratic principles, but declined to follow that party upon the new alignment of issues brought about by the free silver campaign of 1896, and since that time has affiliated with the Republicans and has now for a number of years been prominent in the councils of that party. In 1900 he was nominated by that party for the office of prosecuting attorney of Ferry county but was defeated at the polls, together with all the rest of the Republican county ticket, save one candidate alone, the county being at that time overwhelmingly Democratic. In 1902 the same party again placed him in nomination for the same position and he was elected to the office by a good majority and is the present incumbent thereof. His election in 1902 speaks very well for him as the county was still at that time strictly Democratic.

Mr. Brown is rated as a careful and upright lawyer of first-class ability, and is a good and useful citizen, ever ready with his efforts and his talents to assist and further any and all enterprises for the public benefit and advancement. He is a leading man in this section and looked upon as a young person for whom the future holds bright prospects.

N. J. H. FORTMAN, a civil engineer of considerable experience throughout the northwest who has shown himself very capable in his profession, is now surveyor of Ferry county. He also does mining engineering.

He was born in New York, on January 14, 1838. His parents, J. C. H. and A. E. (Deve-

ly) Fortman, were natives of Holland, who came to America and located in New York state, where they remained the rest of their lives. The father was professor of languages and they were the parents of three children, Nathaniel, deceased, N. J. H., and Anna Kuiper. Our subject was educated in the state of New York, and when sixteen entered the naval college. After his graduation from this institution, he went to sea for practical experience, and followed this for a number of years, visiting nearly every part of the globe. In 1856, he was shipwrecked on the south coast of the Island of Java. During the last two years he served at sea, he was an officer. In 1859, Mr. Fortman came to California and took up mining, and one year later we find him on Puget Sound. There being very little work in civil engineering, he turned his attention to farming, which occupied him until 1873. For six years after, he was very active in pursuing the higher intricacies of civil engineering, fitting himself for every kind of work. For a number of years, he was surveyor at Port Townsend, and later entered the employ of the Puget Sound Iron Company as their leading agent and engineer. In due course of time, Mr. Fortman took up real estate business and dealt in land during the boom days at Port Townsend. He came to where Republic now stands, but before the town was started, and here he has remained since. He has done a great deal of excellent work throughout the county and the adjoining country. In political matters, Mr. Fortman is a Democrat, and his party named him for surveyor, and he won the day against Thomas M. Hammond. In former years, Mr. Fortman has been quite active in political matters and has served in many official positions. Fraternally, he is connected with the Red Men.

WILLIAM B. WAKEFIELD, who is now living in Republic, was one of the pioneers of Okanogan county as well as of Republic. He was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, on April 9, 1847, being the son of W. C. and Jeannette (Smith) Wakefield, natives of Connecticut. They lived in Litchfield until the mother's death in 1860. Eight years later, the father came to San Francisco county, California, and is now living in Contra Costa county, California.

They were the parents of nine children, George, Mariah, W. B., who is our subject, Ira, Robert, Louise, Anna, Gertrude, and Orin. During the Civil war the father of our subject enlisted in the Thirteenth Connecticut Infantry under General Butler and served nine months. After this, he re-enlisted in Company D, Second Cavalry, and served until the end of the war. Our subject was educated in the common schools, and when thirteen began to assume life's responsibilities for himself, his first employment being in a scythe manufacturing house. For three years he continued in this, then came to California with his father, and engaged in a government surveying party, which occupied him for about four years. After this, he was engaged in railroad engineering, having charge of construction work on the California Southern railroad. He followed the same occupation in Oregon, and finally came to Seattle, where he was baggage master for the O. R. & N., and later was store keeper in the construction department of the N. P., his headquarters being at Green River, Washington. After this we see him in North Yakima in a store, whence he went to Clallam and opened a merchandise establishment for himself, having Mr. Tiliman as partner. A year later he sold his business to his partner, and came to Okanogan county, opening a store in 1888. He was located at Conconully and did a good business until 1894, when his shop burned down. Then he started a livery business there and conducted a stage and was occupied in this line until two years ago. He was appointed city marshal March 1, 1904, by Mayor Stewart. Mr. Wakefield is a good stanch Republican and in fraternal matters is a member of the K. of P.

CHARLES P. BENNETT is city attorney for Republic, in addition to which he has a general practice in law, well merited by the ability which he has manifested in this realm for many years past. He is a man of deep erudition, having been well fortified by careful and painstaking study in both literary and local lines. He was born in Sterling, Pennsylvania, on September 18, 1862, being the son of John P. and Margaret (Madden) Bennett, natives of Wayne, Pennsylvania. The father enlisted in the Sixty-seventh Volunteer Infantry at the beginning of the war, and served to the end of the conflict.

His death occurred in 1867, from an illness contracted during his service. His widow still resides at Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. To this worthy couple, five children were born, J. Frank, William, Eugene S., B. L., Charles P., the subject of this article. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was one of the very first to settle in that part of Pennsylvania, emigrating from Connecticut with others in 1777. The common school furnished the early educational training of our subject, after which he attended the collegiate institute at Fort Edwards, New York. After this he matriculated at Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and graduated in 1889, receiving degree of LL. B. Then he went to New York city and took a thorough course in the science of law under Blair & Rudol, of New York city.

Mr. Bennett located in Tacoma and was admitted to the bar in the state of Washington in 1890, after which he opened a law office and commenced practice. He held a good practice in that city until March, 1899, when he came to Republic and opened an office. Since that time he has been very active in his profession and has been favored with a large clientage. Mr. Bennett is a Democrat, and takes a keen interest in politics. In 1902 his name appeared on the independent ticket as city attorney for Republic, and he gained the day by a large majority. In this capacity, we find him at the present time. Mr. Bennett is a man possessed of a high sense of honor, and has shown himself a master in his profession. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the K. of P. and the Eagles.

FRED RAGSDALE. Three miles northwest from Republic, lies the homestead of the subject of this article, which was taken shortly before the reservation was thrown open for agricultural purposes. In addition to operating his farm, Mr. Ragsdale is conducting a blacksmith shop at the Trade Dollar mine, where he has worked for two years. He is a man of good standing. He labors industriously for his neighbors and for the upbuilding of the country and is considered one of the prosperous men of the county.

Fred Ragsdale was born in Jackson county, Oregon, on December 12, 1866, being the son of W. P. and Mary (Eccleston) Ragsdale, natives of Kentucky. The parents crossed the

plains in very early days to Oregon. Later, in 1873, they came to Whitman county, where the family home was for twenty years. After this they removed to Stevens county and the home is now in Fruitland. The mother died in 1900. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living, Willard A., Fred, our subject, and Emma Bernard. Our subject received his education in the Palouse country, and when fifteen started out in life for himself. He learned the printer's trade at Walla Walla, and after spending two years in this occupation, came to Colville in 1881. He operated there until 1900, when he removed to Republic, taking a homestead as stated above, and also operated a blacksmith shop. The trade of blacksmithing he had learned in younger days.

In 1888 Mr. Ragsdale married Miss Sarah N., daughter of Richard A. and Esther (Mormon) Prouty, natives of Ohio and Michigan, respectively. They settled in Iowa as pioneers, and in 1877 went to Missouri, whence one year later they journeyed to Kansas. After that we find him in Fort Custer, Montana, then in Stillwater, the same state. In 1880 they came to Colville, where the father died in 1903. The mother is still living and resides four miles east of Colville on the old homestead. They were the parents of nine children named as follows: Nancy J., Charles H., George F., James A., Rachel A., Mary M., Sarah N., Annie M., and Jessie B. Of the former marriage the father had four children, two of whom are living, James W. and Cecelia Fallon. To Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale three children have been born, Otto A., Edna and Leo. Mr. Ragsdale is an enterprising citizen and is always keenly interested in the various questions of the day, both in political matters and others that pertain to the welfare and upbuilding of Ferry county.

BEN F. KECK is a well known business man in northern Washington, having business interests as well as valuable residence and business property in both Okanogan and Ferry counties. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of brick in partnership with Mr. Harry Bird, the firm being Keck & Bird. He and Mr. Mason started the first brick kiln in Ferry county, which he has kept in operation ever since, and is now turning out a large number of first-class brick. This has assisted materially in

the substantial upbuilding of Republic, where the industry is located, and Mr. Keck is to be commended as the pioneer manufacturer of Republic.

Ben F. Keck was born near Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on November 10, 1865, being the son of Henry and Margaret Keck, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1877, the family located in Iowa, where the father died aged fifty-three years. The mother is still living in Odebolt, Iowa. Our subject was next to the youngest of six children, named as follows, Charles E., Albert L., Martin L., Elmer E., B. F. and Harry E. His father served throughout the Civil war as First Lieutenant, being a volunteer from Pennsylvania. Our subject received a good common school education, and at the age of seventeen went to the Black Hills, South Dakota. That was in 1882, and from then until 1889, he was engaged in freighting and various other business. He then went to Seattle and started in the retail liquor business. Two years later he came to Okanogan county, establishing himself in the same line, and finally changed his place of business to Loomis. It was in February, 1889, that Mr. Keck came to Republic and entered into partnership with L. H. Mason. They started a brick kiln, and since that time Mr. Keck has given his attention to its successful operation. He owns two blocks in the heart of Republic, besides residence property and various interests in other parts of the state.

Politically, he is an active Democrat, has served on the school board, and is now one of the councilmen of Republic. Mr. Keck is a member of the Red Men and of the Spokane Eagles.

GIDEON J. TOMPKINS is one of the leading business men of Republic, being at the head of a blacksmith business and a large agricultural house. He was born in Kemptville, Ontario, on February 20, 1859, the son of Dennis and Ann J. (Carson) Tompkins, natives of Canada. The parents had a family of thirteen children, and remained in Canada until the time of their death. The father was a general contractor and farmer. Our subject received his education in his native place, and at the age of fifteen, came to the United States, and located in Ogdensburg, where he learned

the blacksmith trade. After following the same for three years, he came west to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and about 1879 came on to Montana, where he engaged as horse shoer for a stage company, operating from Boseman to Miles City, a distance of three hundred and thirty-five miles, until 1882 when he came to Yellowstone Park. Later, we see him in Minneapolis, and in 1888 he left that state and settled at Pony, Montana. He still continued at his trade, and two years later came on to the coast. In 1891 we find him on the Market street cable car line in San Francisco, and in 1893 he took a trip to the World's Fair. From there he journeyed to Des Moines, Iowa, and for three years was in the fruit business in that state. Next we see him mining in Colorado, after which he came on to Spokane, and in 1898 settled in Republic. He at once opened a blacksmith shop and in thirty days after the reservation opened, he had ordered a carload of machinery. He sold the first mower, the first binder, the first threshing machine, the first wagon, and the first fanning mill in Ferry county. From that time until the present, Mr. Tompkins has pressed his business with energy and handled it with wisdom, and during the season of 1903, he disposed of over five carloads of machinery.

Politically, he is a strong Republican, and has served for two years as president of the McKinley Club. For two years, Mr. Tompkins was councilman of Republic, and he has always been a prominent and influential citizen.

In 1890 Mr. Tompkins married Marguerite Baker, a native of Dayton, Washington. Her parents crossed the plains in 1847. Mr. Tompkins is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the Eastern Star, and the Rebekahs. His wife also belongs to the last two orders. He is W. M. of the first order.

JOHN M. BEWLEY is a pioneer, not only of Ferry county but also of Stevens county when the first named division was a part of Stevens county. He is well and favorably known in Republic, where he makes his home at the present time, and has a wide acquaintance in Oregon.

John M. Bewley was born in Cass county, Missouri, on January 10, 1845, the son of John

W. and Katherine B. (Ellis) Bewley, natives of Indiana and Tennessee, respectively. In 1847 he crossed the plains with ox teams to Oregon, locating in Oregon City. The father died soon after arriving, and our subject's brother, Crockett W., was killed in the Whitman massacre. His sister was taken prisoner in the same conflict but was rescued three weeks later by volunteers. After this, the mother settled in Yamhill county, remaining until 1864, then removed to Salem, where she died in 1867. The brothers and sisters of our subject are named as follows, C. W., Lorinda E., James F., Linura J., Maranda, Theopolus R., Henry, and John. Mr. Bewley had an uncle, Rev. Anthony Bewley, who was hung by the Rebels in 1864, because of his allegiance to the Union. Our subject received his early education in Yamhill county, Oregon, then graduated from Willamette University in 1866. Following this he practiced dentistry for ten years. Desiring more freedom in life, he went into the stock business, and later took up buying and selling grain. In 1883 he came to Colville and took up surveying, which he had studied during the earlier part of his life. For nine years he was surveyor of Stevens county. In 1896 he located where Republic now is and located numerous mining claims. Later, he patented the ground now in Mono Addition to Republic, and owns a great portion of it. He also has property in Spokane and other places. Mr. Bewley has been surveyor of Ferry county for four years, and has also been justice of the peace for four years.

Politically, he is a Republican, and very active in the campaigns. In 1870 Mr. Bewley married Miss Maggie E. Dawson, whose parents were natives of Scotland and Kentucky, respectively and crossed the plains in 1845 to McMinnville, Oregon. They were the parents of ten children. Our subject and his wife have four children; Frank W., in Republic; Claude, in Spokane; Bernal, in Sanden, British Columbia; and Maude, married to William Page in Republic.

MICHAEL R. JONES came to where Republic now stands in 1896, and since that time has been one of the substantial business men of the place. He was born in Dolwyddelan, Carnarvonshire, North Wales, on June 4, 1869, be-

ing the son of Richard and Katherine (Prichard) Jones, both natives of Wales. The father died there in 1884 and the mother still lives there, aged seventy. They were the parents of these children, Ellen M., Owen, Margaret M., Richard and John, twins, and the subject of this sketch, Michael R. The first four are still in Wales. The father followed farming. Our subject received his early education in his native place, and at the age of eighteen started in life for himself. He handled sheep and worked in the slate quarries until 1887. In the following year he sold his interests and came to America. He located in Cambria, Wisconsin, and one year later came to Butte, Montana. After a short stay in the "Silver City," he returned to Wisconsin making it his home for seven years, then he came west by the way of Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, and the Santa Fe route through Mexico and Arizona to Sacramento, California. A short time thereafter, we see him in Portland, Oregon, whence he came on to Tacoma, and there worked at his trade. In 1891, he went to Portland and worked at brick-laying for a year and then came to Spokane in 1892. For one year he was engaged in the Echo mill in the metropolis of the Inland Empire, then worked for G. B. Dennis for three years. Afterward, he spent a summer in the copper mills at Anaconda, Montana. He journeyed thence by six horse team and wagon via the old Mullan road to Conconully, Okanogan county, where he spent some time in the livery business with H. W. Thompson. Later, he sold and came to Toroda, where he was with Mr. Thompson in the mercantile business. As stated before, in 1896, he settled where Republic now is, and for five years there engaged with Lester Sly, a merchant. Later he took up a homestead adjoining Republic, which was sold in 1900. In 1903, he went into partnership with H. W. Thompson in farming, and is engaged thus at the present time.

Politically, he is an active Republican, while in fraternal relations, he is allied with the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs.

SAMUEL GRAY is the genial and popular proprietor of the hotel in Keller, Ferry county. In addition to operating this, he gives his attention to mining. He was born in Lafayette,

Indiana, on July 17, 1840, being the son of David R. and Sarah (Tadford) Gray, natives of Ohio. They were early settlers of Indiana and there remained the balance of their lives. The mother died in 1847 and in 1851 the father married Elizabeth Mires. To the first marriage, four children were born, William, Samuel, John L. and Ellen, deceased. By the last marriage one son was born. In very early days our subject crossed the plains with his grandparents, who located in the Mohawk valley, Oregon, in 1853. There Samuel was educated in the common schools and at the age of fourteen assumed the responsibilities of life for himself. Two years after we find him in Corvallis with an uncle, J. B. Congle, operating a saddler's store. For three years he conducted that business, then went to California and became a cook on a steamer in 1859, and returned to Portland. The next year he went to Orofino, Idaho, and mined for a short time. After that he returned to Walla Walla and wintered, and in 1861 and 1863 went to the Boise Basin and there in 1863, was the first locator of valuable mining property. He took a claim on Granite creek from which he took twenty thousand dollars in three months. After this he went to Portland, but shortly went to the Grande Ronde valley of Eastern Oregon, where he opened a saddlery store. but was unsuccessful in the venture. He then went to the Willamette valley and started in the same business with the same result. Then he came to Lewiston and operated in the same business again. Here he made a brilliant success. He continued there until 1884, then sold and came to Couer d'Alene and opened a hotel. For two years he was occupied at this; then he took land there on the reservation, where he made his home for eight years. Selling the property, he removed to Marcus, in Stevens county, and later to Keller, where we now find him. He opened a hotel in Keller and there also became interested in a grocery store. In addition to each, as stated before, he gives his attention to mining.

In 1864 Mr. Gray married Mary A., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Howe, natives of Missouri. Mr. Howe was there killed by a tree falling on him, after which, in 1863, the mother moved to Oregon. She died in 1893, having been the mother of four children. To Mr. and Mrs. Gray three children have been born, William P., at Wilbur, Washington;

Clare; and D. R., associated with his father in business. Mr. Gray is one of the staunchest of substantial Republicans and since he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, he has voted for every Republican candidate for president since. He remembers well when James K. Polk was elected and is a well-informed and influential man in political lines. Mr. Gray has never seen fit to hold office although he labors faithfully for the good of men. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church and are well and favorably known in this community. Mr. Gray has amassed two or three fortunes and has lost them, but is again a very prosperous citizen.

HARRY W. THOMPSON is well known in northern Washington, and also to the newspaper fraternity throughout the state of Washington. At the present time he is conducting a hotel in Republic and a farm near by. He was born in Hennepin county, Minnesota, on June 1, 1862, being the son of Augustus and Sarah (Bazley) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania and England, respectively. The parents settled in Minnesota after their marriage, where the father died in 1892, and the mother still lives. They were the parents of fifteen children, named as follows, Mary, Fannie, Augustin, William, Sarah, Harry W., Charles, Fred, Lora, Lillie, Ellen, George, Vernie, and two others who died in infancy. The father of our subject was a veteran of the Mexican war, and after that he followed farming for the remainder of his life.

Harry W. received his education in Hennepin county and later took a course in a Minneapolis business college. At the age of twenty-one he began business for himself, and the first year operated his mother's farm. After that he came to Washington and located in Dayton, where he was engaged in a printing office for two years. He then went to Okanogan county, being one of the first settlers there, and was employed as compositor on the first paper published in the county. In 1890 Mr. Thompson bought out the Okanogan Outlook and operated it for eight years. In 1892, he lost everything by fire, but rebuilt and went forward with the business until 1896, when his entire property was washed away in the flood. Again he rebuilt and continued the business for two

years more, when he discontinued and went into the hotel business for one year.

Later we see him in Toroda in the merchandise business, and in 1898 he settled in Republic and he opened the Thompson hotel which he operated nearly two years. Then he took a homestead adjoining the town, which he still owns. About one third of the place is under cultivation, and is supplied with good fences, buildings and other improvements. Later Mr. Thompson opened the Eureka House, and then took charge of the Delaware Hotel, which he runs now as a first-class house.

In 1883, Mr. Thompson married Miss Josephine Sly, and to them five children have been born, named as follows, Pearl, Lulu, Perry, Raymond, and Richard.

Politically, Mr. Thompson is a Republican, and recently took the field for county assessor, but as the county was Democratic, he did not win. He has been school director at various times and has held other offices. Fraternally, he is affiliated with I. O. O. F., the Rebekahs, and the Fraternal Army. His wife and daughters belong to the Rebekahs, and his wife to the Eastern Star.

JOHN W. SEIBERT is one of the venerable residents of Ferry county, and is now making his home on the Sans Poil river about fifteen miles south of Republic. His sons located the town of Westfork which bids fair to become one of the prosperous villages of the county. Mr. Seibert devotes his attention to mining and farming and has shown himself industrious and reliable. He was born in Berkeley county, Vermont on June 12, 1825, being the son of Samuel and Mary (Mong) Seibert, natives of Pennsylvania and Vermont, respectively. They later settled in the state of Ohio, and lived there the rest of their lives. Our subject was one of nine children, named as follows: Aaron, Moses, J. W., who is the subject of this article, Mary, Samuel, Michael, Cyrus, Benjamin, and Joseph. In Wayne county, Ohio, our subject was educated, receiving a good common school training, and at the age of twenty-six, began life for himself. He worked on a farm for some time, and then learned the miller's trade which he followed for twenty years. In 1849, Mr. Seibert crossed the plains to California and mined for

a while, then returned home, having been gone just two years and thirteen days. After this, he farmed in Ohio until 1873, then went to Missouri. Later, we find him in Huntsville, Washington. A short time after settlement there, he came on to Okanogan county, which was his home for fifteen years. During that time, Mr. Seibert gave his attention to mining almost exclusively, then moved to Ferry county, locating where we find him at the present time. He owns the Planton mine, which has one hundred and thirty feet of tunnelling, and for a half interest of which he was recently offered four thousand dollars. In connection with his sons he also owns valuable placer mines, and is also interested in the townsite of Westfork with them.

In 1853, Mr. Seibert married Miss Delia, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Crofford) Ritchey, natives of Ohio. The parents lived in Ohio until their death and to them were born seven children, Katherine, Delia, Charles, Jane, Ellen, Thomas and Matilda. To Mr. and Mrs. Seibert seven children have been born: Samuel, deceased; Joseph; Otho, a physician in Ohio; Jessie, wife of J. Inman in Whitman county; Washington; C. H.; J. B.; and R. D. The last three named are still at home with their parents.

Mr. Seibert is a good, active Republican, and has always labored for the upbuilding of the communities where he has dwelt. He has held various offices and has always shown himself a patriotic and substantial citizen.

GEORGE W. RUNNELS, who resides at Keller, Washington is one of the heavy stock owners of this part of the county. In addition to owning stock, he pays considerable attention to mining. He was born in Edmundstown, Washington county, Maine, on October 9, 1835, being the son of Thomas and Eliza (Morong) Runnels, natives of Maine. The parents moved to Washington in 1878, locating in Seattle, where the father did lumber business. He died in 1894 and his widow died in 1901. Our subject was educated in the common schools of his native place until ten years of age; then he commenced a seafaring life. He learned the art of cooking and working in that capacity and went to all the leading ports of the world. For

eleven years he continued in that business, and in 1858 came to Puget sound by way of Cape Horn, sailing in the bark Oak Hill. In 1860 he came to what is now Okanogan county and since that time has lived in the central part of Washington continuously. He has been occupied as stock raiser, store keeper and prospector for all these long years. He located the Mountain Lion in Republic, the Last Chance and the Flatiron, besides many others. In 1897 Mr. Runnels located at Keller, where he now lives, and since that time has opened up several fine prospects. Among them is the Copper King and the Iconoclast. The latter is being developed and Mr. Runnels owns about one-third of it. In addition to these properties, he has about two hundred and fifty head of horses in Okanogan and Ferry counties.

In 1861, by the Indian ceremony, Mr. Runnels married Skocum Analix. In 1872 this marriage was confirmed by the United States laws and to this couple, fifteen children have been born, ten of whom are living, named as follows: Elizabeth, Mary, Fred, Clara, Hiram, Louis, Thomas, Josephine Katherine and Nellie. Louis and Thomas are being educated at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, while Mary is attending one of the well-known educational institutions of the east. Mr. Runnels is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in the affairs of his county.

He is more familiarly known as "Tenas George" and the full account of his life would make a very interesting book. It is of importance to note that over thirty years ago Mr. Runnels discovered the lead of the Iconoclast. He took samples of the ore to Dr. Day in Walla Walla, who pronounced it first class ore. From that time until the reservation opened, he kept watch of the property and for some months prior to the proclamation of opening this portion of the reservation, Mr. Runnels was obliged to personally stand guard over the property with a Winchester. While the temptation was great, "Tenas George" was too well known for any man to attempt to jump that claim in the face of his Winchester. He is respected both among the Indians and his own people, having shown himself governed by a true sense of honor. It is said of him that when the test came as to whether he should have the Iconoclast or not, he shouldered his Winchester and said to his wife: "If I lose my life in defending

that claim, bury me there." He is a careful reader and the author of several poems and ballads of considerable merit.

HON. LEW P. WILMOT resides about two miles east from Keller and is engaged in mining. He has been closely identified with the various leading mining excitements through the west since the days of Elk City's boom, and is well known as an adventurous and active man in these villages.

Lew P. Wilmot was born in Freeport, Illinois, on January 30, 1839, being the son of B. R. and Virginia (Hawkins) Wilmot, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The father was one of the first settlers in Freeport, being the first postmaster and the first county commissioner of the county. He moved to Wisconsin in 1841 and located in Platteville. There he followed his trade of cabinetmaker, when in company with two others, they built a schooner, intending to go down the Mississippi and then by water to California. Upon arriving in New Orleans, they found their craft was not fit for the rougher voyage and so abandoned the trip. They returned to Wisconsin and later

Mr. Wilmot went to Kansas. In 1860 we find him at Pike's Peak, after which he returned to Missouri, and in 1865 he came on to Washington. From this state he went to Idaho, where he died in 1887.

Our subject was raised on the frontier and had almost no opportunity to gain an education; still by his industry and careful habits of inquiry, he became well informed. He remained with his father until 1862, then attended the Elk City excitement, and mined there for a good many years. In 1885 he came to Washington, located on the Columbia and put in a ditch to convey water for mining purposes. The ditch was fourteen miles long and on one flume he used over eighty-two thousand feet of lumber. After this Mr. Wilmot went to work for the government in Okanogan county and was thus engaged eight years. Then he moved to his present place just east of Keller and has given his attention to mining since.

In political matters, he is a strong Republican and is one of the commissioners of Ferry county. In 1878 he represented his section of Idaho in the legislature and in 1882 held that responsible position the second time. He is one of the worthy pioneers of the northwest and stands well in this community.