

in Moscow; Charlie, on the Nez Perces reservation; Elsie, wife of Alexander Black, of Princeton; Ethel, Maude, Stella and Herbert, at home. Mrs. Hawkins was born in Springfield, Illinois, on January 15, 1857, and her father was a farmer, born in Ohio in 1823. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, and also served three and one-half years in Company A, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Infantry, during the Civil war. Her mother was born in Illinois in 1835, the father of this lady being William Green, and his wife, Mary (Hogge) Green. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Hawkins are Lizzie, deceased; John, deceased; Abraham, in Texas; Agnes, deceased; Mary, deceased; William, in Texas; Millie, wife of Elijah Saunders, of Oklahoma.

Mr. Hawkins is a member of the American Yeomen, and he and his wife adhere to the Baptist church, their membership being at the Pine Grove church. He has been a member of the school board for twelve consecutive years and is always laboring for the welfare of both school and state.

NICHOLAS OLSON. It is a pleasure to grant to the subject of this sketch a representation in the history of his county, for he justly deserves it, having labored faithfully here for many years, being a man of ability and energy, and having maintained a walk of unswerving integrity and uprightness. Mr. Olson is one of the real builders of Latah county, and is one of the heavy property owners in it today, having five hundred acres of land eight miles west from Kendrick, which his skill and energy have made one of the choicest farms of the section, and an abundant producer of valuable crops. His farm is improved in a skillful manner and manifests the taste, wisdom and thrift of its owner at every turn.

Reverting to the personal history of our subject, we note that he was born in the land of Norway, near Burgen, on April 12, 1852, being the son of Ole and Sarah Olson. Norway has furnished some of the most sturdy and patriotic citizens within the border of our free land, and much is due the arduous efforts of this worthy class of people for the development and upbuilding of the country. For twenty years Nicholas remained in his native land, gaining a good education and laboring for his parents on the home farm. Then he bade farewell to the home land, friends and relatives and embarked for America. He labored in the lumber woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin until 1879, when he came to Latah county, or the territory embraced in this county, it being then Nez Perces county, and after due search he selected a homestead, which forms a part of his mammoth estate. He went to work with a will and little by little he added land until the property now is as stated above, one of the finest estates of the county. Mr. Olson has an orchard of thirty acres, and is one of the leading fruit growers of the county.

Fraternally Mr. Olson is affiliated with the A. O. U. W., being popular there as in his other walks of

life. It has never been a part of Mr. Olson's conquests to yet sail the matrimonial seas, having always preferred the quieter and more peaceful joys of the celibatary.

ANDREW LYND. One of the capable and prosperous farmers of Latah county is named at the head of this article, and it is with pleasure that we are enabled to incorporate an epitome of his career in this volume, since he has labored long for the upbuilding of the country and has conducted himself in a commendable manner. Mr. Lynd was born in Lawrence county, Ohio, on September 21, 1848, being the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Tipton) Lynd, the father a native of Ohio, born in 1812 and the mother born in ~~Virginia~~ ^{W. Va.} in 1826. Mr. Tipton was born in North Carolina in 1807 and died in Latah county. The parents of our subject removed to Illinois when he was a lad of five, and thence they went to Ringgold county, Iowa, took land and farmed for three years and then removed to Andrew county, Missouri. Three years were spent there, and then they went to Washington county, Kansas, and in 1858 took a homestead. Our subject attended school there and worked with his parents, also doing freighting on the plains. The family home remained in that place in Kansas until 1883, when the father sold out and migrated overland to Latah county. He took up the farm where Andrew now lives, ten miles east from Palouse. The next year our subject came to Latah county and purchased a piece of land near Palouse and farmed it for eleven years. When the father died the old homestead was sold, and seven years since the subject of this article purchased it. It consists of one hundred and seventy acres, and is well improved, and produces abundance of timothy hay. Also Mr. Lynd owns another quarter section of good land.

The marriage of Mr. Lynd and Miss Mary M., daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Harlan) Gray, was solemnized on November 16, 1873, and they have become the parents of the following children: Alice E., deceased; Albert J., deceased; Millie, teaching in Latah county; Francis M., deceased; and the rest are all at home.—Elsie, Seth J., Harvey H., Reuben E., Homer J., Mary B. Mrs. Lynd was born in Putnam county, Indiana, on October 1, 1856, and she had one brother, Andrew, now deceased. Her father was born in Putnam county, Indiana, on June 9, 1831, and her mother was also born in Indiana, her birthday being January 11, 1832. The brothers and sisters of Mr. Lynd are as follows: Jane, deceased; Mary A. wife of William Bastow; Amanda, wife of P. Hanshaw, of Salem; Charles, in Ellis county, Kansas; Rebecca, wife of Ralph Traver, in Oregon; Elizabeth, wife of F. H. Brown, in Whitman county; Julia, wife of David Gover, in Oregon; Phoebe; Celia, deceased; Effie, wife of J. J. Hafer, in Latah county; Laura, wife of Theo. Smith, of Oregon; Samuel, in Walla Walla; Massam, in Walla Walla; James, in Palouse. Mr. and Mrs. Lynd are members of the Baptist church at Palouse, and for that institution he liberally gave two

hundred dollars in gold for the first building. He has always been faithful in the support of the faith. Politically Mr. Lynd is always active and is also a member of the school board. He believes in diversified farming and each year he clears upward of three hundred dollars on his hogs alone, being also prosperous in other lines as well.

* JAMES W. ROSS. Ten miles east from the town of Palouse lies the estate of the gentleman whose name is at the head of this article, the family home having been here since 1883. James W. was born in Page county, Iowa, on October 9, 1847, the son of James and Rachel (Jones) Ross. The father was born in Jackson county, Missouri, and his father was a native of Kentucky. The mother died in Wilson county, Kansas, in 1858. In 1857 the parents removed to Missouri, and thence to Wilson county the following year, taking up land where Coyville is now located. Our subject was reared on a farm, attended school and when the terrible strife that rent our land in twain was precipitated he joined the forces of the Union and fought for the country that he helped to save from destruction. 1863 was the year, and James was but sixteen years of age. He enlisted in Company M, Ninth Kansas Cavalry. He was ordered to Kansas City, where he was stationed a few months, and then went to Lawrence, and he was there taken with the smallpox, and this prevented him from going south, but was out and able to chase Price the last time he ventured into Missouri, and at the end of the war was honorably discharged at Leavenworth, Kansas. He then went to Allen county and shortly afterward to Wilson county, and took up farming, continuing the same there until 1883, at which time he sold out and started overland to Latah county, landing here on September 23, having been four months on the road. He purchased the farm above mentioned and has constantly remained here since.

On December 20, 1865, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Rosanna, daughter of Abijah and Nancy (Oaster) Hampton, in Allen county, Kansas, and the following children have been born to them: Nancy E., deceased; Mary L., wife of James Lynd, of Palouse; Anna N., wife of Joe Davis, in Missouri; Albert F., on the Nez Perces reservation; Jordan J., at Wardner, Idaho; Charles E., at Chattaroy, Washington; Lottie V., at Milan, Washington; Minnie, deceased; Daniel E., at home; Gertie M. and Bertie J., twins, also at home. Mrs. Ross was born in Nodaway county, Missouri, on November 13, 1847, and has the following brothers and sisters: Leonard, deceased; Lucinda, wife of E. E. Howard, in Iowa; William, deceased; Joseph, in Iowa. Mr. Ross has the following brothers and sisters: Nancy J., deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; John A., deceased; Benjamin F., in Idaho; Louisa, deceased; George W., in Latah county. Fraternally Mr. Ross is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., while he and his wife are members of the Christian church. He served on the school board for

a term and has always manifested a great interest in the advancement of educational facilities, as well as the general welfare of the county.

* JOHN W. PLEDGER. This enterprising agriculturist is one of the substantial men of Latah county, capable, upright and ever displaying wisdom and vigor. His estate lies three miles northwest from Princeton, contains one hundred and sixty acres, is well improved and presents a very thrifty appearance. The buildings of all kinds are tasty and commodious, while the land produces abundantly of the cereals and timothy, and Mr. Pledger also devotes much attention to feeding hogs.

Noticing more particularly the personal history of our subject, we see that he was born in Bellville, Canada West, on May 20, 1839, being the son of Charles and Rebecca (Wessles) Pledger. The father was born in London, England, on March 8, 1817, and the mother was born in the Mohawk valley, New York, her parents being John and Elenor Wessles. In 1853 the family removed to Dane county, Wisconsin, where they gave attention to farming. Our subject attended school and remained with his parents until 1861, he being then twenty-two years of age. Then he responded to the call of his country and enlisted in the Third Battery of Wisconsin Light Artillery. He was ordered to Louisville, Kentucky, and the first engagement was at Fort Donelson. After this he participated in the battles of Stone River, Nashville, Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, and Corinth, besides several others. He served his three years and then received an honorable discharge at St. Louis and immediately re-enlisted in the Forty-seventh Wisconsin, serving there until the close of the war. After his discharge at Nashville he went to his home in Wisconsin and one year later went to Kansas on the government survey of Osage reservation. After two years of this work he bought a tract of land near Fredonia, Kansas. Later he sold out and went to South Dakota, and there farmed until 1887, the year in which he came to Latah county. He first bought land on Palouse river, and then sold and purchased his present farm, which has since been the family home.

The marriage of Mr. Pledger and Miss Rachel, daughter of James and Polly Gardner, born, respectively, in Maryland on January 24, 1804, and in Ohio on September 22, 1813, was solemnized on January 12, 1875, and they have become the parents of the following children: Martha, deceased; Wallace and Walter, twins, at home; Gertrude and Grace, twins, deceased; John W., at home. Mrs. Pledger's brothers and sisters are as follows: Honor, in Wilson county, Kansas; John, also in Kansas; Joshua, deceased; Lorenzo D., in Kansas; Elizabeth, deceased; Nancy, deceased; Mary, in Kansas; Samantha, at Moscow, Idaho; Lovisa and Louisa, twins, deceased; David, deceased; James B., deceased. Mrs. Pledger was born in Moultrie county, Illinois, on October 10, 1844. The brothers and sisters of Mr. Pledger are named below:

Mary A., deceased; Ruth, living in Minneapolis; Elenor, at Oregon, Wisconsin; Elizabeth, deceased; Mahalah, at Bellville, Wisconsin; Sabra, at White Rock, South Dakota; Joseph, in Wisconsin. Mr. Pledger is an Odd Fellow, holding his lodge relations in Fredonia, Kansas. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and they are highly respected people and valuable members of society.