

In common with the sons of Switzerland, the children of Denmark seem to possess particular ability for successful dairying. This statement finds confirmation in every state and territory in the west and for years has been demonstrated in the eastern and middle western parts of the country. An encouraging example is found in Lars Jensen who is spending the best years of his life a long way from his native land and in Tillamook County has built up a dairying enterprise which yields him an income far in excess of similar undertakings in his sea-swept fatherland.

Lars Jensen was born in Denmark, March 26, 1843, and according to the custom prevailing in the land took his father's first name, the original name being Jens Rasmusen. The father was a farmer and dairyman during his entire life, and he died in Denmark in 1868 at the age of 55 years. He was survived by his wife, Lars' mother, formerly Boar Hansen, who also was born in Denmark and died there in 1871 at the age of 55 years also.

Lars is the youngest of the 5 sons and 2 daughters born to his parents, and owing to financial stringency in the family his early education was extremely limited. The greater part of his knowledge has been gained since coming to America in 1872 for under the new conditions he had more leisure to devote to the improvement of his mind and more incentive to make the most possible of his opportunities.

After a voyage in a sailing vessel he landed in New York City and located in Middlesex County, New Jersey, where he found employment at digging fireclay. Four years of this sort of work sufficed to inspire greater ambitions, and Mr. Jensen decided to avail himself of an opportunity to go to the West which he reached by way of Panama. He located in Bakersfield, California. A year later he came to Oregon over the Grand Ronde trail with a packhorse which enabled him to travel over the mountains at the rate of 26 miles a day.

After looking around for a favorable location he settled on his present farm of 136 acres near Hebo where he has lived ever since and engaged in dairying, stock-raising and general farming. 80 acres of his property have been cleared and fine improvements made including a comfortable house and convenient barns and outhouses. Mr. Jensen milks 18 cows and is meeting with encouraging patronage from a large trade. He has a thorough understanding of dairying, enforces the first principles of neatness and dispatch and presents in

his home and enterprise a typical example of the successful and thrifty farmer and dairyman.

Mr. Jensen belongs to the Lutheran church towards the support of which he contributes generously and for the best interests of which he and his family actively work.

He is a Democrat in politics but has never taken any particular part in local or state affairs contenting himself with meritorious service on the school board for many years.

He married Sophia Hansen in Denmark in 1867, and of this union there have been born 6 children, 4 of whom are living: Hans Lars engaged in farming near Blaine, Oregon; Carl Christian living on a farm adjoining that of his father; Millie, wife of Wert Sappington of Tillamook, Oregon; and Mary who is living at home. *(Another son, Charles E. was born in 1880 and had died in 1965. db)*

Mr. Jensen is energetic and capable, and in his adopted county and state has established a reputation for progressiveness and integrity as well as for adaptiveness to the conditions which are so materially different from those among which he was reared and educated.