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George Washington Wallace, Jr. and his wife Fannie BUNN Wallace donated the land for a school at Hemlock. It was called Wallace School for a time before being named Hemlock School. G. W., wife Fannie, daughters Reita (less than a year old when she died), Stella who died at age 18, and Phoebe WALLACE Curl (who died at 20 years old) with her infant daughter, George Washington Wallace III and his wife Esther Alice DUCHAM Wallace are buried in the Beaver Cemetery in now unmarked graves.

An excellent farm of 163 acres pays tribute to the care and labor which is being bestowed upon it by its owner, G. W. Wallace, Jr. He also engages in dairying and has come to be recognized as one of the leading representatives of agricultural life in Tillamook County. His place is pleasantly and conveniently located not far from Hemlock. It has often been remarked that the west has developed a sturdy, virile class of citizens for the men have had to face conditions in the upbuilding of the country that have called forth the best and strongest within them.

Mr. Wallace has always lived on the Pacific coast, his birth having occurred in Sacramento County, California, September 15, 1859. His parents were G. W. and Nancy MORAN Wallace, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of California. The father, who was born in 1823, attended school in his native state until 16 years of age and then started out to earn his own living by teaming on the old Santa Fe trail meeting the usual experiences and hardships incident to that life when the road lay through an Indian-infested country, with only here and there a settlement to give shelter and provide food for the travelers.

In 1850 George Washington Wallace, Sr. made the arduous journey across the plains to California traveling on horseback. He was attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast and turned his attention to mining in Sacramento County, but not meeting with the success that he had anticipated he returned to Missouri in 1852. The following spring, however, he again made his way to California, and setting in Sacramento County once more engaged in mining which he followed until 1858. In that year he removed to Nevada where he obtained a cattle and horse ranch, but in 1864 once more became a resident of California settling at Napa where he engaged in general farming.

Two years later in 1866 he came to Oregon and secured a homestead claim of 160 acres a little south of Tillamook. Later he became owner of 80 acres but in 1872 left that property and removed to the southern part of the county. It was in

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this district that G. W. Wallace, Jr., homesteaded 160 acres about 13 miles south of Tillamook. The family ran their cattle on the ranch here and cleared most of the land.

G. W. Wallace, Jr. attended school in California until 8 years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Oregon and completed his education in Tillamook. He was 22 years of age the last time that he attended school, but his course was somewhat desultory, owing to the fact that his labors were needed on the farm.

He removed to the southern part of Tillamook County and homesteaded a claim, as previously stated, and has since resided thereon, his father making his home with him during the latter part of his life. G. W. Sr. died in 1883 having for 10 years survived his wife whose death occurred in 1873. In their family were 5 children of whom 4 are living: G.W. of this review; Jefferson, a resident of Tillamook; Frank, living in Idaho; and Nancy, the wife of Mr. Crabtree whose home is in Portland.

G. W., Jr.'s place now comprises 130 acres of land that is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. He also is successfully conducting a dairy business, keeping cows for this purpose. Everything about the place is neat and thrifty in appearance and indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. Aside from farming, however, he has other business interests being now a stockholder in the Mutual Telephone Company and a stockholder of the East Beaver Cheese Company of which he is now the president and one of the directors.

In 1896 Mr. Wallace, Jr. was married to Miss Fannie Bunn, a native of Oregon and a daughter of Benjamin H. and Martha J. SAMPSON Bunn who were natives of Indiana and Illinois respectively. By her marriage Fanny had become the mother of 9 children of whom 8 are yet living; Oran V., Hugh B., and Cecil, all upon the home farm; Phoebe, now the wife of Alvis Curl living in California; Stella, George, Wallace E. and Leonard all upon the home farm.

Both Benjamin H and Martha J. SAMPSON Bunn were reared in the Illinois yet they did not become acquainted until after their arrival in Oregon, having come to this state across the intervening plains with their respective parents in 1852. They were married in Lafayette, Oregon, in 1853, and after 8 years returned to

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Illinois by the Panama route. When 2 years had passed, however, they again came to Oregon crossing the plains with ox teams to Yamhill County where they remained until 1873 during which time Mr. Bunn conducted a tin shop. He next secured a homestead claim of 160 acres where Beaver is now located, and there he died in 1908 at the age of 76 years. His wife had passed away in 1881. They were the parents of 8 children including Fanny Wallace who was called to her final rest in 1910.

Mr. Wallace, Jr. votes with the democratic party and has filled the offices of road supervisor and member of the school board. He is interested in all that pertains to general progress and seeks the public good along political and other lines. He is well known in fraternal circles being a faithful member of Cloverdale Lodge, No. 126, A. F. & A. M; Beaver Lodge, No. 220, I.O.O.F. and the camp of the Woodmen of the World at Tillamook. His has been a life of industry and well-directed thrift. And his labors have brought to him a substantial competence so that he is now numbered among the leading representatives of agricultural life in Tillamook County.