

## ALFRED SILAS BENNETT

Alfred S. Bennett of Wasco county, Oregon, engaged in law practice at The Dalles. He was born at Dubuque, Iowa, June 10, 1854, and was reared in Floyd county, Iowa, until eleven years old, when he was brought across the plains by his parents in 1865. They first settled in Yamhill county, Oregon, and then removed to Washington county, that state, where they resided until 1870. About that time Alfred S. Bennett left home and started out for himself, as a farm hand, continuing as such until 1873. From that time on he was engaged in teaching school and reading law under Hon. J. B. Condon of The Dalles, pursuing his studies until he was admitted to the bar in 1880. Mr. Bennett engaged in practicing law at The Dalles, Oregon, from that time on.

Judge Bennett was elected school superintendent for Wasco county in 1878, and in 1882 was elected a member of the House of Representatives from Wasco county. On being appointed judge of the Circuit Court for the fifth circuit, tendered him by Governor Thayer upon the resignation September 1, 1882, of Hon. L. L. McArthur, the fifth circuit then including all of eastern Oregon, he resigned from the legislature, before taking his seat upon the bench and served as a judge for two years. He has since been a candidate on the democratic ticket for supreme court judge in 1894, and for congress, in 1896, but was defeated. Judge Bennett was also a delegate to the national convention at Kansas City, in 1890, and again to the convention at Baltimore in 1912.

Judge Bennett was married on November 7, 1887, to Miss Mary McCauley of Dayton, Washington.

In 1918 he was elected a Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, taking office January 7, 1919. He resigned from this position October 5, 1920, returning to The Dalles, where he continued practicing law until his death on November 28, 1925.