



**Riley Andrus, left and James Hudson Andrus, right,
both sons of Hazzard and Fanny Bishop Andrus**

“RILEY ANDRUS. Among the prosperous agriculturists of Douglas County is Riley Andrus, who owns a finely-improved and well managed ranch in the town of Looking Glass. Energetic, industrious and enterprising, he has ever been a useful citizen of the community in which he resides, and has taken a keen interest in advancing its growth and prosperity. A farmer by birth and breeding, he has nearly always been a tiller of the soil, and in the following of his independent occupation still finds his greatest pleasure. A native of Allegany County, N. Y., he was born March 5, 1830. At the age of six years he was taken by his parents to Michigan, where, as soon as old enough to wield axe, hoe or rake, he assisted in improving a homestead. Leaving the parental roof in 1853, he journeyed to the westward in search of fortune, being a firm believer in the stories of fabulous wealth to be obtained in the far-distant gold fields. After a six-months trip across the plains, he arrived on the Pacific coast. Settling in Santa Clara County, Cal., he followed mining and prospecting three years, but did not find the golden ore in sufficient quantities to warrant him in remaining there permanently. Coming to Oregon in 1856, he lived near Oregon City for about ten years, and then removed to Washington, taking up land

near Palouse, where he remained fourteen years. Returning to Oregon, Mr. Andrus located in Douglas county, about six miles south of Roseburg, where he bought a donation claim, the ranch, on which many improvements had already been made, being known as the A. S. McCoy place. Here he has since lived, carrying on general farming after the most approved modern methods. He has one hundred and fifty-five acres of land, part of it being range land, and for a number of years he was extensively engaged in the stock business. In 1868, having been away from home fifteen years, Mr. Andrus returned to Michigan to visit ill friends and relatives. Going across the plains on horseback with a party of men, the Indians stole some of the horses belonging to the party, and Mr. Andrus, always venturesome and daring, stole them back again, this being an experience that is so indelibly impressed on his mind that he will never forget it. While living in Oregon County, Mr. Andrus married Orphelia Mattoon, a native of that place, and into their home seven children have been born, namely: Alva, Orville, Louis, Flora, Nelson, Nancy and Myrtle. In politics Mr. Andrus was for many years a Republican, and sustained the principles of that party by voice and vote, but of late years has been independent, voting for the men and measures best for the country's interest."

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