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## **JAMES H. GUILD**

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One of the forceful and productive factors in the mercantile and industrial world of Wyoming is James H. Guild, of Uinta county, who was born at Lehi, Utah, on January 19, 1861, the son of Charles and Mary M. (Cardon) Guild, a memoir of whom appears on other pages of this work. When he was seven years old the family moved to Wyoming, and settled at Piedmont, in Uinta County. There he was reared and educated, gathering what he could of the sparkling and invigorating waters of knowledge from an irregular and insufficient attendance at the public schools of the neighborhood, for, in those days, life was strenuous to everybody in these parts, and its graces and its accomplishments were compelled to wait until its sterner demands were satisfied. After leaving school, he engaged in ranching with his father, and later became a member

of the firm of Charles Guild & Sons, formed for the purpose of carrying on an extensive merchandising and livestock enterprise. In 1881, he settled on the ranch he now occupies, which had been previously located by his father, and from that year it has been his home. It lies four miles southwest of Piedmont and contains 4,000 acres of land, much of which is fit for cultivation, and has been brought to a high state of fruitfulness. In 1898, the Guild interests were incorporated in two companies, one known as the Guild Land & Live Stock Co., and the other as the Guild Mercantile Co., and James H. Guild became a stockholder in each and the manager of the former. To this industrial manifestation he has given his undivided attention and has made it one of the most important and successful industries of its kind in this part of the state. In politics he is a Republican, and takes a definite and active interest in the welfare of his party, although not desiring any place of honor or profit in its gift for himself. He is especially interested in the cause of public education, and, in its behalf, has freely given six years of excellent service to the cause as trustee at various times. Of the fraternal societies so numerous among men he has favored only one with his membership, the Knights of the Maccabees. His ranch is furnished with good buildings and is well equipped for the stock industry. In addition to what it contains as deeded land, there is a very extensive acreage under lease. The entire business in all departments is conducted with a vigor and enterprise, and on a scale of magnitude and success only possible to the best business capacity and the most skillful management, qualifications for which Mr. Guild is well known throughout the cattle industry.

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