



JOHN F. MORRIS.

Among the latest to recognize the opportunities presented by this section of Eastern Oregon in a business way is John F. Morris, formerly of Sweet Home, in Linn County. Mr. Morris is a native of Linn County, and there grew to manhood, and, amongst other good fortune that befell him there, was the winning of the hand and heart of Miss Fanny Rowell. In 1899 Mr. Morris purchased the stock and good will of M. Honeywill, merchant, and has continued business in the same stand with constantly increasing stock and trade. Mr. Morris deals in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, furnishing goods, and all other merchandise usually found in a well regulated general store. Above we give a fair picture of the exterior of Mr. Morris' store.



R. S. PRICE.

R. S. Price was among the first settlers in the Camp Creek district of Crook County. He was born in the state of Illinois, April 15th, 1850, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1851, settling in Linn County. He came to Crook County in the late '70s, and engaged in stock raising until about five years ago, when he removed to the county seat and bought out the City Meat Market. Mr. Price has always been an active politician, and in every campaign is found in the councils of his party. He is now proprietor of the city delivery.

## M. A. MOORE.

M. A. Moore, one of the best known citizens of Crook county, was born near Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, September 23, 1854. He received his early education at the Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis, and fitted himself for a successful business career. When nineteen years of age he went to the Argentine Republic, South America, where he remained three years, returning to Benton county, Oregon, in 1876. Here he engaged in farming on a large scale for six years, having over 800 acres in cultivation.

He came to Crook county in 1883, and engaged in the business of sheep raising and as U. S. mail contractor.

In 1892 he removed to Prineville, where he has successfully engaged in harness and saddlery, drugs and other mercantile pursuits. Mr. Moore was post master of Prineville for four years during President Cleveland's second term, and was a most competent and accommodating officer. In 1898 he was the democratic candidate for sheriff of Crook county, and the fact that



he was only defeated by three votes when the county went 150 republican on the rest of the ticket, proves his popularity. He is now the owner and proprietor of the bowling alley store and amusement parlors; a clean and popular resort.

J. J. SMITH.

The accompanying photograph is a fine likeness of Crook County's genial county clerk, J. J. Smith. He is the eldest son of the late Hon. I. N. Smith of state fame. Mr. J. J. Smith was born in Linn county in 1854 and, with the exception of a five years' residence in Idaho, 1865 to 1870, Oregon has been his home.

He came to Crook county in 1887, locating at Sisters, and immediately became postmaster of that settlement, which position he held for ten years. Although often importuned by his friends to enter politics, he refused to ask for political favors until 1900, when he was the democratic nominee

for county clerk. Since his election to that office he has proven his qualifications as custodian of the county records, and he will go out of his way to accommodate his friends and inquirers at his office. Mr. Smith was married in 1887 to Miss O. A. Forrest, of Eugene.

## W. C. CONGLETON.

Among the residents of Prineville of whom Crook county can be justly proud, none stands higher in public esteem than W. C. Congleton. He is a native of the famous Blue grass state and remained there until he was twenty-five years old, engaging in teaching after having received a good graded school education. He removed from Kentucky in 1885 and embarked in stock-raising, which pursuit he is still largely interested in. Mr. Congleton's keen business ability at once suggested the advantage of improvement in breeding stock, which being pursued has made him one of the wealthiest citizens of the county. In 1894 he was elected county assessor, and



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his fair and equal assessment of taxable property in the county made him hosts of friends regardless of political affiliation. In 1900 he was elected sheriff on the democratic ticket, and has shown himself a most excellent officer. Mr. Congleton's friends are legion, and if he has an enemy it is through jealousy. His spotless character and quiet demeanor will make him respected wherever his lot may fall. Although 40 years of age he is still unmarried, but it is owing mainly to the fact that there has been no "leap year" since 1896.

## FARM OF I. L. KETCHUM, ONE MILE WEST OF PRINEVILLE.

This farm, through the thrift and industry of the owner, is a practical illustration of the productive qualities of the bottom lands when irrigated. In 1890 this entire farm was a shifting bed of sand. In 1900 sixty acres produced 300 tons of best alfalfa hay, worth \$1,800, in the stack.