

J. H. GRAY.

Many of the early settlers who came to Eastern Oregon when Wasco County extended from Washington to California, and the county seat, The Dalles, was 200 miles from their settlements, came here with a view of remaining a few years, accumulating a competency with which to live comfortably in the city, and return. They accordingly gave little attention to grade of their stock, and their landed improvements were such that they could abandon them any time without material loss. They regarded Central Oregon as a large pasture, that could probably feed stock a few years and

fit until 1888, when he commenced the raising and breeding of fine cattle. This was the nucleus for the propagation of graded and blooded cattle in this section of the state. Mr. Gray now has a fine herd of 85 head of full blood registered Hereford cows and heifers, which are deep in such strains as "Assurance," "Bedford Second," and "The Grove." This herd was started from some of the best strains of blood imported by the Indiana Blooded Stock Company of Indianapolis, and is now headed by the famous sire "Fauntleroy," whose sire was "Lord Fauntleroy," by "Texas Jack," bred by Major Carlyon, of Cromwell, England. "Texas Jack" was sired by

acres of land, 60 acres of which is well set to alfalfa, and annually produces over 250 tons of the best hay. This farm controls the range for an average radius of five miles, and is one of the most valuable plants in Oregon.

As diversion from his agricultural duties, he has dabbled somewhat in politics, serving for two years as stock inspector, two years as assessor and four years as sheriff of Crook County, retiring in 1900.

Mr. Gray's high moral character and spotless life has won the admiration and confidence of his acquaintances, and he enjoys honors in fraternal orders. He is married and has a fine family.



HEREFORD CATTLE AND HAYING SCENES ON THE FARM OF J. H. GRAY.

then remain a desert waste for a decade until nature provided another growth of range grass. Not so, however, with Mr. J. H. Gray. This estimable gentleman was born in Linn County, Or., April 23rd, 1855, and crossed the mountains into Central Oregon (now Crook County) in 1876, and at once went into the business of sheep raising. Mr. Gray immediately foresaw the brilliant future and vast resources of the county, not only for stock raising, but for agricultural pursuits, and settled upon a tract of land thirteen miles southeast of where Prineville now stands, and erected substantial and valuable improvements. He continued in the sheep business with pro-

"Pretty Boy," owned by Lord Wilton, dam by "Assurance," etc., so in this herd Mr. Gray has the best blood ever imported to America. Mr. Gray's stock has taken first prize in all state and county fairs and Agricultural Association meetings at which the same have been exhibited. By his interest and prominence in stock raising Mr. Gray has won for himself more than a state reputation, and in 1896 was appointed by Governor Lord a member of the state board of agriculture, but, owing to the fact that he had just been elected sheriff of Crook County, was unable to accept the appointment.

Mr. Gray now owns a fine farm of 880

T. S. HAMILTON.

Breeder of Fine Cattle and Sheep.

The subject of this sketch is one of our most solid and substantial citizens. He resides on Trout creek, where he owns and personally superintends one of the best stock farms in the county and on which he has amassed a competency. His specialty is fine sheep and cattle, and his constant aim is their improvement without regard to cost. Mr. Hamilton has just retired from the office of county commissioner of this county, which he held for four years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.