M. A. MOORE.

M. A. Moore, one of the best known citizens of Crook county, was born near Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, September 23, 1851. 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 saddle, 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 republicans 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 1877, 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. Forrester, 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 1865 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 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 efficient 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 1866.

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.