

made man and a credit to the Maker. Born in Benton county, September 4th, 1864, he came to Crook in 1882, and worked as farm hand and cow-boy until 1897. Although enduring many hardships in early life he picked up a good business education, of which he is now making good use.

In November, 1897, with the savings of his farm labor he opened a harness and saddle shop in Prineville, where his integrity and business industry soon established him in a lucrative trade. His workmen are the best that money can employ, and his saddle makers have made their trade their life's profession. His workshop is a veritable bee-hive of activity, and the work turned out is inferior to none. His goods have won their way to the front by hard and active competition, and all the recommendation they they now require is the stamp "J. W. Boone."

Mr. Boone's stock is complete in every detail and the customer is almost sure to find what he wants in the large stock of harness and saddles, if not his orders can be filled upon the shortest notice, and work made to order is guaranteed to give satisfaction. He uses the famous "White River" saddle tree, which is superior to any thing else in the market.

Mr. Boone enjoys the respect of every one in the range of his acquaintance and is prominent in fraternal societies.

JOSIAH HINKLE

Is one of the best known men in Eastern Oregon. He was born in Lee county, Ia., in the year 1843 and came to Oregon with his grandparents in 1853. From 1860 to 1870 his face was a familiar one from Northern California to Boise, Idaho. In 1870 he located in Corvallis, where he was deputy sheriff for seven years. He came to Crook county in 1877 and embarked in cattle raising, which he followed successfully until 1895. In 1882 Mr. Hinkle was the democratic candidate for sheriff of Wasco county, and while he was defeated in that contest he succeeded in cutting down the ordinary republican majority which made his candidacy a high evidence of his popularity.

POPULATION.

According to census reports, Crook County's population is 3986, against 3244 in 1890, showing an increase of only 23 per cent., which is misleading, from the fact that by the formation of Wheeler County in 1898 Crook lost at least 650 inhabitants, which, if included in present census, would have made our population 4636, or a gain of 43 per cent. At the June, 1900, election there were 1193 votes registered prior to election, and about 100 on the day of election, or about 1300 votes to 3986 population, a ratio of a little over 3 to 1, indicating a predominance of the male sex due to the character of our leading pursuits, stock raising and mining, and demonstrating that some forlorn maidens of the Eastern states might here find fair husbands and fairer homes.

Per Capita Wealth.

It is a well-known fact that assessments for taxation in Oregon are placed at less than half the real values of property, yet our tax roll and census for 1900 shows a per capita of taxable property, exclusive of exemptions, of \$426, in reality over \$800. These values are real; that is, the property

is not covered with mortgages. Our county records will show a less per cent. of mortgaged property than any other county in Oregon.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NICHOLS.

The mention we have made of the citizens of Prineville and Crook county would indeed be incomplete without mention of this man. He is a native of Clay county, Missouri, and while but a youth his adventurous spirit led him to Oregon in 1844. He was the first sheriff of Polk county, under the provisional government, and continued as such for four years during territorial days. Mr. Nichols also served as county clerk of Polk county. In 1877 he moved to Prineville, then in Wasco county, from whence he was sent to the state legislature. Mr. Nichols' career has been an eventful one, and after years of turmoil of politics he settled down to the practice of law, which he followed for many years with marked success. Mr. Nichols is now seventy-five years of age, and has retired from active business life.



JOHN COMBS.

The political and social history of Crook county since its organization would not be complete without particular mention of John Combs. He is well and favorably known throughout central Oregon, and has hosts of friends everywhere. Wherever he

is, he at once becomes a leader without intending to be such. Mr. Combs was born in Linn county, December 8, 1861, and came to Crook county with his parents thirty years ago. He was raised on a farm but received a good common school education. He was elected sheriff of Crook county when but twenty-six years old, on the republican ticket, when the county was overwhelmingly democratic. He also served one term as sheriff from 1894 to 1896. Mr. Combs' good nature and affability is proverbial, and among his friends and acquaintances is generous to a fault. He is unmarried but is entirely to blame for this misfortune.

MILLINERY AND LADIES' FURNISHING STORE.

One of the successful business establishments of Prineville is that of Mrs. Susie Slayton. By her untiring energy and indomitable will alone, she has built up a nice trade. Carrying all the latest styles in millinery newest dressing novelties, and ladies' misses' and children's furnishings and underwear. Bought at lowest cash prices, she is prepared to meet all competition in those lines and invites a full share of patronage.



E. R. CARY.

The popular landlord of the well known Cary House needs no introduction to Journal subscribers. A glance at his portrait is convincing of his shrewdness and humor, and, like all good natured men, there remains but little between him and heaven. Mr. Cary was born in Indiana upwards of 55 years ago, and emigrated to California soon after the discovery of gold in that region, where he accumulated a considerable property and was the successful rival of Hon. M. M. Estee for the hand of Miss Dora M. Post, of Sacramento, to whom he was married in 1863. He was in Placerville, Cal., in 1858, when Horace Greely came to that town in a stage coach. While Mr. Cary did not court any of Greely's fame and subsequent disappointments, he kept his eye on the stage coach, of which he afterwards possessed himself, and brought it to Crook County in 1883, before the completion of the O. & C. railroad. Mr. Cary is a large land owner on the line of the C. & E. survey, and in all railroad arguments never fails to convince his friends that active construction will be resumed on that line as soon as snow flies.