

ELLSWORTH A. HAYNES, who is better known as Smith Haynes (the reason for the bestowal of this sobriquet we are not told), is an industrious and leading farmer and stockman of Wasco county. His residence is located on the fertile soil about ten miles east from Boyd, where he has a fine large estate. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on January 9, 1862, the son of Joseph Haynes, who is more especially mentioned elsewhere in this work. When this son was a small boy, the family went to Missouri and there and in Kansas he attended the district schools, completing his education in these important institutions. About two years after his father had come west, or in 1882, our subject was stricken with the western fever and the only hope of recovery was a trip to the Pacific slope. This remedy was speedily administered, and the result is that Wasco county has another of the hustling men of the east a permanent resident of her fertile domain. The same year he filed on a homestead where he now resides and since then he has made this his headquarters. He was soon taken with the great sheep industry of the west and learned sheep shearing. He has wrought at this for twenty years in all parts of the west and is today one of the most expert at the business. He handles readily from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five animals in a day, relieving them of their valuable coats with a dexterity and agility that is marvelous in the eyes of those not sophisticated in this art. Mr. Haynes has made a record of one hundred and fifty-six sheep in one day. Even in the eyes of those accustomed to shearing, this is a wonderful physical feat, and truly it is one which should take its place among the most difficult physical accomplishments that humans have achieved. Mr. Haynes has about one section of land and cultivates to the cereals about three hundred acres. He has excellent crops and in addition to this handles considerable stock. He winters usually about sixty head of cattle, thirty horses and seventy hogs. He has some fine animals and among his hogs he owns one boar, thoroughbred Poland China, of registered stock. Mr. Haynes makes a splendid success of his enterprises and is one of the prosperous men of the county today.

On October 16, 1886, at his father's house, on the ranch, Mr. Haynes married Miss Emily M. Craft, the daughter of Jacob Craft, who is mentioned in this work elsewhere. To this union five children have been born, Albert W., Omer K., Pearl, Ruby, and Thomas. Mr. Haynes is a member of the I.O.O.F., the Encampment, and the M.W.A. He is a good strong Republican and is often at the conventions, while he serves as road supervisor and school director. He and his wife are highly esteemed people, they both come from prominent families and have hosts of friends.

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