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ROY D. BUTLER is the present postmaster at Boyd, Oregon. where also he is doing a good business as a general merchant. He is one of the younger business men of Wasco county, who have achieved a good success here and he has shown a stamina and reliability that commend him to all. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, on January 10, 1874, the son of Polk and Dell (Coy) Butler, natives of Indiana. The father's parents were born in Ohio and came as early pioneers to Indiana. Our subject's parents now live at Dufur and own a fine farm a few miles southeast from that town. The family came to Wasco county when our subject was three years of age and he was educated in the graded schools of Dufur. After that, he taught in the Boyd district one year and then purchased an interest in a store which he now owns, from C.H. Southern. Later he bought out his partner entirely and since that time has been conducting a good store here. He has a well assorted stock of general merchandise and is an accommodating and substantial business man.

On November 14, 1902, Mr. Butler married Miss Ethel Southern, who was born in Wasco county, the daughter of C.H. and Emma (Rice) Southern, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Butler has the following named brothers and sisters, Omer, Earl and Mrs. Maude Griffin. One child has been born to our subject and his wife, Agnes.

Mr. Butler is a member of the I.O.O.F. and his wife belongs to the Methodist church. He is a Democrat in politics and is frequently found at the conventions. He is now serving as clerk of the Boyd school board and is a progressive and public minded citizen.

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