

DENNIS R. McCOY is a well known member of the McCoy family which has been prominent in Wasco county for many years. He was born in Tulare county, California, on March 31, 1873, the son of Henson and Clarissa (Rusher) McCoy, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. He remained with his parents during his youthful days and was educated in the public schools. In 1896, he went to The Dalles and learned the barber trade from his brother, Thomas, who was then running the O.K. shop, the leading tonsorial parlors in The Dalles. His brother, William, who is now a prominent physician in Salt Lake City, had first opened this shop. After one year there, our subject went to Heppner, then to Portland, Salem and other places. After this, he spent two years prospecting in British Columbia and in the fall of 1901, returned to Wasco county and leased the home place from his mother, where he is at the present time. He has shown himself an industrious and thrifty farmer and is one of the substantial men of the community. In political matters, Mr. Mc-Coy has been very prominent and is deeply interested in the welfare and success of his party. He is frequently at the county conventions, is clerk of the school board, and supports at all times the Democratic ticket. For three years he was a member of Company C, of the Oregon National Guards under Captain Crisman and is now constable of his precinct, which is Nansene, and he is serving his second term.

On October 6, 1904, Mr. McCoy married Miss Myrtle Markham, the daughter of James F. and Minnie (Page) Markham, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work.