

JOSEPH H. McCOY, a native of the Occident, is one of Wasco county's enterprising young farmers and stockmen. He resides near Boyd, adjoining the old McCoy estate, which is owned by his mother. In fact, his farm is a part of the original estate. He is enterprising, energetic and wide awake, is well known through this part of the country and is a man whose actions and achievements indicate good ability. He was born in Tulare county, California, on April 15, 1871, the son of Henson and Clarissa (Rusher) McCoy, who are named elsewhere in this volume. The district schools of Tulare county furnished the educational training of our subject then he came with the family to Wasco county where he continued his studies in the public schools. He remained with his parents until the death of his father, being occupied on the farm and in handling stock. In the latter business, he became especially skillful in breaking and taming wild horses both for riding and driving, and he has never met the animal yet which he has not been able to subdue to quietness and docility.

At The Dalles, on January 28, 1895, Mr. McCoy married Miss Lillian M. Phipps, who was born in Ballston, Oregon, on October 28, 1877. Her father, John S. Phipps, was a native of Missouri, where also his parents were born. He came from an old American family and his mother was a Boone, related to Daniel Boone. He crossed the plains with ox teams with his parents in 1855 and now lives with his family near Boyd postoffice. Mrs. McCoy's mother, Amanda (Davidson) Phipps, was born in Polk county, Oregon. Her father was a native of Tennessee and her mother of Indiana. Mrs. McCoy has one brother, Clarence, and three sisters, Inez M., Lois B. and Wanda S. Her brother is only four years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. McCoy four children have been born: Frances, aged nine; Ernest, aged seven; Dora, aged four; and Joseph, thirteen months old. Mr. McCoy is serving his second term as president of the Utopian Literary Society, is deputy stock inspector of Wasco county, and is an active man in political matters and school affairs. For three years he was a member of Company C, of the Oregon National Guards, under Captain Crisman. He is a member of the M.W.A., and has filled all the chairs.

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