

JAMES M. SMITH has a choice estate of three hundred and twenty-five acres about one mile out from The Dalles, on Mill creek, which is his home at the present time. He is a representative of the intelligent agriculturists and stockmen of Wasco county and has shown marked ability and thrift in his labors here.

James M. Smith was born in Douglas county, Oregon, on May 2, 1867. His father, Jasper N. Smith, was born in Missouri, and crossed the plains with ox teams in the early forties. He was one of the first settlers in Douglas county, where he took a donation claim, and is now residing near Spray, Wheeler county. He married Miss Catherine Hewitt, a native of Illinois, and descended from English people. Her parents died in Ireland. When our subject was three years of age, the family came to the place where he now dwells, and here he was reared and educated. The father bought the farm, it being then one hundred and fifty-eight acres. Since, Mr. Smith has added by purchase until he owns the large estate mentioned. He raises diversified crops, has a fine dairy, produces much fruit and turns off considerable stock. He is progressive and well posted in the various lines which he pursues, and is a man of sound principles.

The marriage of Mr. Smith occurred on February 10, 1901, at his residence, Miss Amy Burns becoming his wife at that time. She was born at Drain, Douglas county, Oregon, and her father, Albert Burns, was a native of Ohio, crossed the plains with ox teams in 1863, and died here in 1903. He married Miss Clara Bean, a native of Oregon, whose parents had crossed the plains with ox teams in 1843 and made settlement in Douglas county. They now dwell in Coos county. Mrs. Smith has one brother, Timothy G., and one sister, Effie. Mr. Smith has the following named brothers and sisters, William H., George, Thomas R., C. Edward, Mrs. Ellen Burgess, Mrs. Olive Burgess, and Mrs. Eva Morgan. Mr. Smith is a member of the W.W. and is a well informed Republican. He does not take an especially active part in the campaigns but is always ready to cast his influence and vote for the principles he believes to be right.

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