

# ENTERPRISE, OREGON

COUNTY SEAT OF THE GREAT AND WEALTHY WALLOWA COUNTY

Of the cities and towns of Wallowa county too much in praise can not be said. Enterprise, the county seat, on the O. R. & N. branch from La Grande, is the county seat and the site of the County High School. Joseph, a busy, bustling, wide-awake business center at the foot of Wallowa lake, is on the same branch road, the present terminus. Lostine and Wallowa also are on the same branch line and both are thriving, growing, up-to-date little cities. In other sections of the county are Troy, Grouse, Promise, Paradise, Imnaha, Flora and half a score of mill centers affording the nucleus of future big towns in the midst of future big agricultural areas. Flora is just now growing rapidly, boasting a good representative newspaper. Troy, Promise, Grouse and Paradise are located where future growth is certain.

### The County Seat.

Being the county seat and the site of the Wallowa County High School, Enterprise naturally receives prominent notice and naturally occupies a prominent position in the county. The county business is centered here. A brand new county court house, erected of stone is just completed, and furnished. The cost of this building was \$50,000, all paid, and the county is out of debt—indeed with money in the people's treasury. The new county jail has also been completed. The cages are the latest steel cages from the Pauley jail company of St. Louis.

### Business Interests.

Enterprise is happy and bustling

in practically a full complement of retail business. Ice cream and confectionery business abound, and each is doing well. Among these is a wholesale candy factory which not only supplies the home trade but ships large quantities of plain and fancy candies to nearby cities in the county.

Two big furniture stores, an up-to-date undertaking parlor, an exclusive and big hardware store, are adjuncts attesting the retail trade volume in Enterprise. Two livery and feed and sales stables, a good flouring mill, planing mill, an exclusive clothing store, two meat markets, several grocery stores aside from those mentioned especially, a first-class restaurant, three hotels, and a host of minor business establishments, with the big retail emporiums, make of Enterprise a thriving city of nearly 1,500 people.

### E. M. & M. Company.

Among the big companies of the county and of Eastern Oregon is the Enterprise Mercantile and Milling company. This house is the first big establishment whose history dates back before Enterprise was a city. It began in the days when Enterprise boasted a few scattered homes, when the streets ran open on the slope land, and when perhaps a hundred souls made up the village population.

President G. W. Hyat, of the Wallowa National Bank of Enterprise, heads the E. M. & M. company. This company owns and operates a large saw mill in the timber section north of Enterprise. It has a history for

generous dealing with its patrons of the county. In the panic of 1907, when men went to bed thinking they were worth \$50,000, but awoke to find their sheep, cattle, horses and other stock shrunk in market value to practically nothing, the E. M. & M. Co., came to the rescue. Credits were not only carried but extended further. Men who were indebted to this company and found that they could not pay, were given the cheering counsel to buy within reason on further credit whatever they needed. And in this manner the E. M. & M. Co., carried thousands of dollars on its books day after day and month after month, as a genuine service to the interests of the county. It would not be wide of the truth, perhaps, to make the guess that this company carried close to \$100,000 in this manner, until business matters settled again to normal and the financial upheaval and chaos had been reorganized and markets resumed the tenor of their way.

This business, in this effort—an effort which has characterized it in its history—is intimately associated with the welfare of the whole interest of the county. Its influence reached and still reaches to the remote homestead as well as to the big stock man in Wallowa county.

The E. M. & M. company carries a general stock of goods. It is well equipped. It contains a grocery department, dry goods department, ladies' furnishing department, gentlemen's clothing and furnishing department, boot and shoe department, and a big stock of all kinds of agricultural implements and building materials. It is just now doing the biggest volume of business in its history, and this volume increases with the increased settlement of the county. Any one of the large corps of clerks as well as the head of the big business, will make the visitor to Enterprise feel at home if he or she will visit the store. Indeed, the management of the store desires all visitors to make their headquarters there, where courtesy is extended gladly to the visitor as well as to the buyer.

### The W. J. Funk Company.

Another stupendous general or department store is that operated by the W. J. Funk & Company. Mr. C. E. Funk is the head of this establishment. Everybody in Wallowa county knows "Charley," as he is called, and sees in him a happy, self-denying friend. Mr. Funk has made a wonderful success of this business whose gross transactions will probably range anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a month—depending upon the seasons and the conditions generally.

This establishment is made up on the lines of the up-to-date department store. It has many departments as the general trade demands, and in addition is engaged in large sheep and wool growing industries.

The personality of this big business is preeminently Mr. C. E. Funk, whose geniality is a synonym for friends, for financial success and for generosity, for interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the county. Each department of the large store is placed in charge of an expert, and the whole is put under the direct charge of a well-seasoned head clerk acting in position of immediate manager of the work. In this manner W. J. Funk and company presents a most modern appearance. Its grocery, hardware, dry goods, ladies and gentlemen's furnishings, boots and shoes, and other departments are spick and span, and snap with business appearance.

Over all this institution, beaming like a refreshing life of perennial good nature, Mr. C. E. Funk presides. He is never too busy to stop and talk pleasantly with the buyer and the visitor, never too burdened with business affairs to smile and lend one a good laugh and impart to all a pleasantry that makes the life glow as with an oasis of happiness. This business has a tremendous volume of trade based upon square dealings and upon making the public's interests its own. Enterprise would be lost without W. J. Funk and company.

### Hotel Enterprise.

Perry Blanchard is a genial host—just the sort of man with the glad hand to make you welcome, when you stop at the Hotel Enterprise. We

have stopped there along with many other La Grande citizens, time out of mind and we're going to do it "again." This hotel is a miniature of metropolitan style and finish for the inland city. It is modern, in a modern stone building with a service that delights the heart of the traveling public. In addition to this service is the personal interest in the entire trade taken by Mr. Blanchard, who never permits an individual to leave with any want unfulfilled.

### Smith and Baker—Liverymen.

Of the livery stables in Enterprise, that conducted by Smith & Baker takes precedence as one of the finest businesses of its kind in eastern Oregon. Smith and Baker seem to know precisely, and by sheer intuition, just what sort of roadsters and equipages the driving public want, and they have them always on hand. Their barn is an immense structure, occupying nearly a block with its yard and sheds; and its roominess affords accommodation for almost any number of visitors with teams and rigs. Besides this, Smith and Baker are themselves those jolly sort of fellows that "mix well," and that "take" well, with the traveling public. Their friends are not confined to Wallowa county, but extend among travelling men over the whole Northwest.

### W. H. Durham—Jeweler.

No one entering Enterprise would expect to find an expert watch-maker and jeweler here. But W. H. Durham is this, and many other things when it comes to the jewelry business. He is a schooled, expert watch-maker. Given the raw materials, Mr. Durham can make a better watch than the majority one buys at the big watch factories. This makes him an expert repairer of all jewelry, an excellent judge of the sort of jewelry that people should buy. His whole stock is bought with this expert judgment and the people of Enterprise are thus served. He is also an experienced plater of jewelry, a dealer in diamonds. The citizen can get as small or as large a diamond as he might want—at the right price. In addition Mr. Durham is building up a big mail order business, and all these orders receive his careful and prompt attention. Satisfaction is always guaranteed by Mr. Durham.

### G. I. Ratcliff—Furniture.

G. I. Ratcliff is one of the oldest business men of Enterprise. He conducts a furniture business that is a model of reliability in all its appointments. His stock is a large and varied one, including a big line of phonographs and Edison records, as a full side line. Mr. Ratcliff is known, through his long and honorable business career, to every one residing in Wallowa county. In the old stage days he did business here, selling household furnishings to the remotest settlements in the county. "Satisfaction," says Mr. Ratcliff, "is guaranteed both as to quality of furniture and as to the price." Upon this motto he has built up a tremendous business.

### Wallowa Title and Abstract Company.

Under the presidency of A. C. Miller, one of the most amiable citizens of Wallowa county and known and honored from Portland to Erie, Penn., whence he originally came, the Wallowa Title and Abstract company has grown into a business fixture of Enterprise. It has been built upon painstaking and conscientious care in its business. Its head is a man whose conscientiousness, while it will never make him rich in the matter of dollars, has created an enviable record for what Roosevelt has called a square deal. This company is known as an abstract and title company from the Snake river on the east to Minam on the west, and it draws its abstract business from this large territory. Moreover, when the Wallowa Title and Abstract company presents the property with an abstract, that settles it. There are no flaws in the title. The owner is secure in his possession—and that is the real pleasure of efficiency in an abstract company. All land holders are given the same scrupulous consideration, as to their titles, when employing the work of this company.

### Weaver & Weaver.

There are so many "nice" things to say about Enterprise people that the Observer representative gets confused in the search for proper adjectives. Take Weaver and Weaver for example: These two boys have a racket store and confectionery business, with all the leading papers and periodicals—a business that is a distinct fulfillment for a distant Enterprise demand. And the boys are always found attending to business, and therefore always found making mon-

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ey and getting happier. Weaver and Weaver receive practically the newspaper trade of Enterprise, and without them the people would be lost. It has come to be second nature for all Enterprise to wend toward Weaver & Weaver's for the evening and morning papers, as also for iced drinks of all kinds, and the line of goods found in a combined racket stock. The many patrons of this firm, who have been looking to it for their supplies of various kinds for years, wish the firm the utmost of success.

### Riley and Riley.

"That man Riley," you hear some Enterprise resident say, "has a heart in him as big as a pumpkin!"

Riley and Riley conduct a cash business. It is the aim of this firm to sell for cash and thus give the customer the benefit of all cash discounts in groceries, boots and shoes, china ware, hats and caps, and a general line of merchandise. Fruits of all kinds in season is handled. In the early spring the purchaser will see at Riley and Riley's cantaloupes shipped all the way from Mexico by this firm in order not to disappoint its customers. Dried fruits of all kinds are kept on hand. Riley and Riley also handle some of the finest shipments

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