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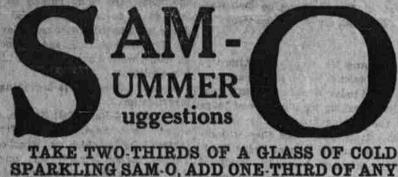
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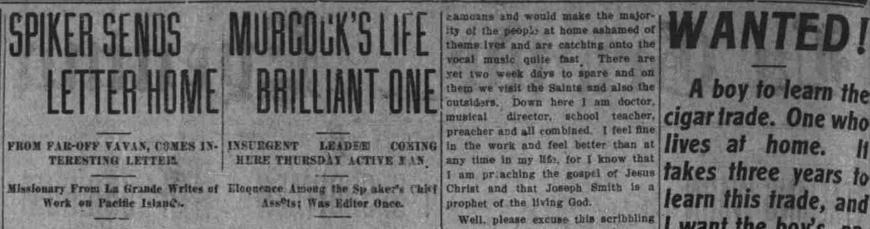
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Writing from Haslaufull, Vavan, Probably no American state man Friendly Island, under dats of July 20, avong the younger generation; has Joseph Spiker; a La Grand man who achieved so much in a triat more to a year or so ago was sent to Pacific time as Hon. Victor Murdock, who Ocean islands as a missionary for the will be the guist of this city on L. D. S. church, advises his old time Thursday evening, September 28th. friend, O. E. Silverthorn of many interesting facts concerning himself and his location. At the time of his last completed a course in the public letter he was at Samoa, but he is on schools and Lewis academy, devoting the Friendly group now. Among oth- all of his spare time and vacations to er things, Mr. Spiker writes:

Well, Mr. Silverthorn, I received the nice little piece you put in the paper, of the Wichits Daily Eagle, a position and can say you did more than a credit to the letter, but nevertheless I thank you very much for the same as to so many neopl when you have it put in the paper. 1's'de. He was toremost in now have a somewhat different tale to cacy of the prophes' interest, and no tell you. 1 am in a new country, a new place and am placed under somewhat differ at circumstances.

I am about 400 miles south of Samoa, on an island called Vavan in the Vayan group of the Society Islands, having been sent here by the president of the mission. I was directly sent out to a native village by th name of Haalabuli where I am at this writing and am quite likely to be for at least six months or a year. There are about 1,000 islands and rocks which together form the Friendly or Tongan group of islands. Vavan and the Vavan group, which consists o' about 100 rocks and Islands compris: about one tenth of all the Society group.

They are almost completely surrounded by a coral reef. The distance around the outside of all the islands s about 40 miles.

Vavan, the largest of th m all. is about seven miles across in the longest length and is very irregular. A person can stand upon a larre knell and see the ocean on all sides as far as the ev can reach, and also thi coral reef circling the outside, sometimes is within a half mile of the shore and then agrdn perhaps two. three or four miles out. These islands are of coral formation ;. The soil in some places is quit: deep and in oth- ing and music in English. I am the er places is but a couple or three feet first one who has undertaken to t ach to the old coral formation. The upper soil is of a dirty orange color and in fact the natives o'ten use it for soan in scouring anything; when we it will it will stick to your shoes until you would think you were walking on stills, and when dry (for it gets dry as quick as it gots wot) it packs down very hard and solid The whole of the Vavan group are densely covered with cocoanut tre a which tower up from 25 to 125 feet high. They are sure majestic. Under these giants grow scrub woods and bush of all kinds. The iron wood grows here and looks somewhat like the c dar. Each man has a piece of land, alloted to him by the government of Tonga, and on this he raises or rather takes care of the things which go to make up his livelihood, such as cocoanuts, bananas yams, taro, tanamin and other things too numerous to mantion. The natives here are much better off financially than the Samoans. When they want some money they go and cut some cobra and sell it to the few white traders. Most of them hav a sort of an outside shell of a white man's house, consisting of lumber sides, tin roof and ground floor, with the rough wood work on the inside, and mats on the ground to sit on. Here on Vavan where they have the staport, the natives dress a great deal better than they do in Samoa and don't look quite so low in that way, although the Samoans have got them "skinned a city block" for cleanliness (Excuse the slang expression, please). Well, now to tell you of myself, for you know I am a pretty good hand at not forgetting myself In the first place I must tell you what I am doing. We hold school four days out of the werk and teach English, arithmetic, writing, spelling and geography. (You will think when I say writing, that I

should begin at home and that's true.

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camcans and would make the major-ity of the people at home ashamed of thems lives and are catching onto the rocal music quite fast. There are yet two week days to spare and on them we visit the Saints and also the utsiders. Down here 1 am doctor nusical director, school teacher, preacher and all combined. I feel fine any time in my life, for I know that I am priaching the gospel of Jesus takes three years to Christ and that Joseph Smith is prophet of the living God. Well, please excuse this scribbling I want the boy's pa-

as I can hardly write on my lap. Yours truly, F. JOS. SPIKER.

for the boy to learn Notice of the Meeting of the Board of IC Equalization. Notice is hereby given that the coun-

ty board of equalization for Union Mr. Murdock was born in Burinty board of equalization for chick-county, Oregon, will attend at the court house, La Grande, on Monday, October 11th, 1911, and publicly exam-ing the assessment roll, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions or qualities of land, lots or other prop-erty, as assessed by the county asses-sor, and it shall be the duty of all persons interested to anywar at the game, Kansas, just 40 years ago. He learning the printing trade. At the age of 23, he became managing editor persons interested to appear at the

time and place g'ven. All persons having grievances re-In 1902, Mr. Murdock was elected garding the 1911 assessment may ap-pear before such board and present their affidavits containing grounds for complaint. All each affidavits must be to convress and at once took rack as one of the leaders on the republican presented during the first week of the meeting of the board. more watchful member was to be D. M. CLARK.

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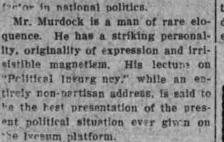
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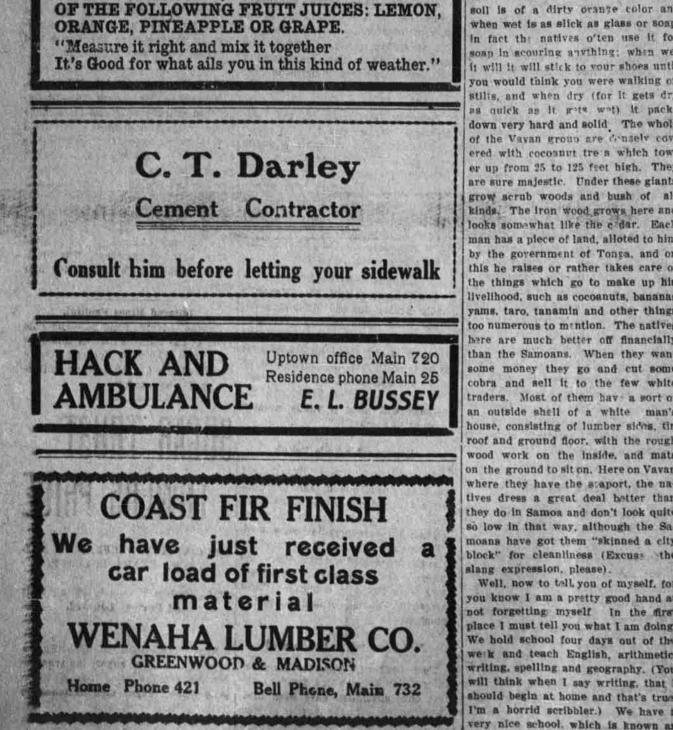
which he held for nine years.

'New Light College of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." Fine nam, eh? It is an appropriate name, too. I have charge of three classes, of the first grades and have got them so that they generally study by themselves, do not fight in school and hold up their hand when th y wish to speak out loud. Indeed wa ave the blat school in this group of islands.

Besidis teaching school four days in the week we have five night me ting a week and two on Sunday and the other two nights I teach them singthem vocal music in English on these islands. They are better singers than

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