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## BRIGGSON ITEMS

### EARL ROSS MEETS WITH A FIERCE COUGAR.

Plowing Has Begun Extensively—Deputy Road Supervisor to Commence Work on Roads—Many Returning to Their Farms for Summer Work—Telephone Line Under Construction to Fletcher's Mill.

Briggson, March 30.—Mrs. Emma Ross, who has been quite ill of grip, is very much improved.

W. C. Avery has purchased 160 acres of land on Umatilla River near Gibbon, from Alfred Thompson, which is excellent for grazing purposes.

Spring is here, the grass is growing, flowers are in bloom and plowing has begun quite extensively.

J. K. Davidson has bought 40 acres of timber land on Reed & Hawley Mountain from Russell & White.

John Ladigan, who has been here on an extended visit to his cousin, George Cruigen, has returned to Portland.

H. W. Swart, O. R. & N. operator at Kamela, who is well known here, will soon move to Bingham station.

Mr. Murrin, of Weston, deputy road supervisor, was in this locality last week, investigating the situation of the road, which are very muddy yet. However, should clear weather prevail, road work may soon be commenced.

Bill Wilkinson, of Athena, has purchased and will operate a horse power wood sawing machine in the mountain districts this season, which is likely to prove quite an industry.

Thomas Harkans, who has been absent all winter, will return home in the near future.

Isaac Hagen, an extensive stockman of this section, who has wintered his cattle near Pendleton, will bring them up for summer pasture by the first of the month. Mr. Hagen will also move his family up near Bingham Springs, where they have a neat little cottage in which they will spend the heated term.

Miss Bessie Palmer, who has been away attending school during the winter, will return home the first of April.

John Thompson and family, of Bingham, who have been living in Athena this winter for the benefit of schooling their children, are preparing to return home soon.

Miss Elsie Ross, who has been absent for the past three months, returned home last Wednesday.

Gus Sprague, formerly of this place but now of the Hudson Bay country, is busily engaged hauling milk for the Milton creamery.

J. D. Sheets, a former confectioner of Athena, has moved his stock of goods to Freewater.

A telephone line is under construction from Weston for a distance of nine miles up on the Weston Mountain towards Fletcher's mill, which it is said will be extended to the mill, a distance of nine miles further east in the future.

Byron Murch, the Dalles fruit tree agent, who did quite a business in this locality two years ago, will make the rounds again in a few weeks.

James Navin, who purchased trees

# NEW SPRING WRAPPERS

Our big stock of new Spring Wrappers has arrived, and we have the finest assortment in the town. We list only a few of them.

Good quality calico wrappers, well made, full width, 60c.

Splendid quality percale wrappers, ruffles or braid trimmed at top and wide flounce, full proportions, only \$1.00.

Fine quality percale wrappers, beautifully trimmed, \$1.35.

Good quality house dresses, corset lined, wide flounce, made better than if you made them yourself, \$1.25 and \$1.20.

Good quality percale house dresses, beautifully trimmed in braid, corset lined, with wide flounce, \$1.40 and \$1.35.

Very best percale house dresses, wide flounce, corset lined, extra well made, and very full skirt, \$1.75 and \$1.65.

Beautiful figured black sateen house dresses, corset lined, \$2.40.

### MISSES FURNISHINGS

Misses' muslin underwear, complete assortment, drawers from 15c pr to 50c pr. Skirts from 35c to 85c each.

Children's dresses, ages 2 yrs. to 14 yrs.

all grades from 25c baby dresses, to Misses' costumes worth \$2.75.

Misses' hose, lace or plain, 25c, 20c, 5c, 12 1/2c and 10c pr.

Misses' kid gloves, sizes 5 to 5 3/4, several colors, 65c.

### Specials for Saturday, April 4

Men's black striped double front shirts, 50c values, 40c.

Men's light colored shirts, good 50c values, special, 40c.

Boys' black suits, coat and pants, special, \$1.00.

Boys' waists, All 25c waists for one day, 20c.

Boys' socks, all sizes, 4c pr.

Misses' hose, all sizes, our regular 13c hose, special, 10c pr.

Men's corduroy suits, warranted, special for one day, \$7.00.

Outing flannel, 10c kind, 8c; 9c kind, 7c; 7c kind, 5c.

# THE FAIR

### SYRUPS

Monopole, Rock Candy, Red Star and White Rose in half gallons, gallons, jacks and pails.

### HOT HOUSE VEGETABLES

Lettuce  
Radishes  
Onions  
Celery

### THE Standard Grocery

Court Street  
Low Sellers of Groceries

### LOSSES ALWAYS MET PROMPTLY

By the Fire Insurance Companies we represent. Our companies stand first in the world.

Assets	
Hartford Fire Insurance Co.	\$12,250,076
Alliance Assurance Co.	29,000,968
London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co.	2,544,683
North British & Mercantile Co.	19,695,974
Royal Insurance Co.	22,897,153

### FRANK B. CLOPTON AGENT

800 MAIN STREET  
Fine Yellow Newtown Apples, only 90 cents a box.  
Fresh Ranch Eggs, 15 cents a dozen.  
We have the Famous and always satisfactory

### MONOPOLE COFFEE

A trial will convince you of its merits.

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The Big Store in a Small Room.  
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FOR SALE AT THE EAST OREGONIAN office, large bundle of newspapers, containing over 100 lbs. worth, for sale at 10c per lb. for 2 weeks.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA COAL FIELD

To be opened up and developed by American capital and enterprise.

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# Western Coal and Iron Company

501 Bernice Building, Tacoma, Wash.

## 15 Cents Per Share

With Nelson Bennett as president, have secured a large tract of coal land in the Nicola Valley, British Columbia, in all, 2560 acres, or four full sections, with five large seams of coal known to underlay the land, and containing over 100,000,000 tons of the highest grade of Bituminous Coal that has been found in the Northwest. It makes the finest and best coke in the world, and for steam and domestic purposes there is no better coal produced in the country. The coal is situated in Southern British Columbia, about 160 miles east of Vancouver, British Columbia and from New Whatcom and Bellingham Bay points. The Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Great Northern Railroad are now both ready to construct and extend their lines into the Nicola coal field and will be there this year. This beautiful Nicola Valley will then be turned into a beehive of gigantic industries. The Western Coal and Iron Company are now offering the first block of its treasury stock at the low rate of

The Crow's Nest coal shares sold in 1896 for 10c per share. Today the stock is worth \$125 per share; it advanced from 10c to \$36 in two years. And it is safe to say that the Nicola Coal offers today just as good chance to the investor as did the Crow's Nest in 1896. We are quite certain that the stock is sure to advance to par (\$1 per share) this year. If you want to be in it on the ground floor and make 700 per cent on your investment in a few months, decide quick as this 15c stock will not last very long. The stock will be advanced next month. The Standard Oil Company has bought 2660 acres, the adjoining coal land, only 2 1/2 miles from our Company's property and in the very same coal basin and paid

**\$2,500,000 CASH FOR THE LAND**

This is glorious news to those holding Western Coal and Iron Company's stock. The Tacoma company intends to place their coal on the market here as soon as shipping facilities have been furnished. For further information I cordially invite you to call at my office, where samples of the coal, reports, maps, diagrams, prospectuses, letters from prominent bankers, lawyers and other business men, who have investigated this coal proposition can be seen. Respectfully,

**JOHN HAILEY, JR.,**  
LOCAL AGENT,  
Room 16, Judd Building,  
**PENDLETON, OREGON**

of Mr. Murch before, contemplates ordering 200 or 300 this spring, the majority being apples.

Mrs. Katie Henderson will start the first of May on an extended visit to her children in Idaho. She will visit the Sound cities before returning home.

Miss Emmaretta Shumway, of Weston, who has been visiting here the past few days, returned home Saturday.

William Dunseth and family, of Fruit Creek, B. C., are here on a visit to the aged parents of Mrs. Dunseth, Grandpa and Grandma Henderson.

Willie Naskans, who is attending the Weston Normal school, spent from Wednesday until Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Naskans.

### Encounter With Cougar.

Earl Ross, son of Clarence Ross, of this place, had quite an interesting experience with a wild animal which he encountered on his way to the postoffice a short time ago. The boy was accompanied by two dogs, and the animal, which by the description given must have been a cougar, made a desperate stroke at one of the dogs, knocking it over the other dog and showed fight until it noticed him, when it took to flight. The much frightened lad stood spellbound, as frightened to move, or utter a sound, but at last the beast leaped to one side into the brush and the boy rushed down the hillside at no slow rate of speed. Evidently the dog were the means of saving the boy's life. This same described beast is said to have been seen on several occasions during the winter in this vicinity.

### ECHO NEWS ITEMS.

Flouring Mill Belonging to J. H. Koontz, May Be Purchased by Heppner People.

Echo, March 31.—F. Fuchs, together with Thomas Scriber, of Heppner, drove over last night for the purpose of inspecting the Henrietta Mills, with the view to purchasing same.

B. F. Holbrook, the real estate man of Umatilla, came in on this morning's train.

Attorney J. H. Lowrey and Mr. Smith, of Pendleton, stopped here today on their way in from Heppner.

Rumor has it that Joel Halstead negotiated the sale of about 30 lots in the south part of town, but that Mrs. Halstead decided that it was best to hold for higher values and refused to sign the deed.

Charles H. Miller, who has been laid up for repairs for some time with a badly sprained ankle, is able to be out again.

If you desire a good complexion use Mokl Tea, a pure herb drink. It acts on the liver and makes the skin smooth and clear. Cures sick headaches, 25 cts. and 50 cts. Money refunded if it does not satisfy you. Write to W. H. Hooker & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for free sample. W. H. Schmidt & Co., druggists.

### Caledonian Society.

The Walla Walla Caledonian Society has in contemplation the holding of Caledonian games near this city some time in May. The matter will be decided upon at the next semi-monthly meeting of the society. It is intended to invite the Athena Caledonian Society and to secure as an entertainment features Miss Forbes, of Portland, the most celebrated Scotch dancer in the Pacific Northwest, and Piper Moon, of Portland, who was heard in this city at the Robert Burns birthday celebration.—Walla Walla Union.