



THOMAS HOUSTON JOHNSTON.

There is not a more popular citizen in Dufur than "Houst" Johnston. He possesses all those admirable traits of character which contribute to the widest social and business success, and anything he identifies himself with is always a "go." He furnishes it with a vim and snap which is his strongest characteristic, and which has tended to put him to the "front" among business men in this county. Born in Centerville, New Brunswick, in 1845, he spent the early portion of his life there. Moving to California in 1876, he spent two years there. Coming to The Dalles in 1878, he was engaged for three years in fishing and merchandising in a small way; he then entered the employ of Wingate & Co., with whom he remained three years, and gained that practical experience which has been of such benefit to him since. Having saved some money, and recognizing the desirability of Dufur as a business point, in connection with his brother, George, established himself in business there, buying out C. A. Williams. He has ever since been a most useful citizen, and much of the town's prosperity and thrift is due to his untiring energy and unflinching enterprise. He was postmaster for ten years, member of the Council for four, member of the school board for six, and clerk of the board for two.

Fraternally he associates with the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen and Workmen.

Mr. Johnston married Miss Laura Krauss, of The Dalles in 1882, and has two daughters. His home, of which we give an illustration, is a model of refinement, and is the center of a large circle of warm friends.

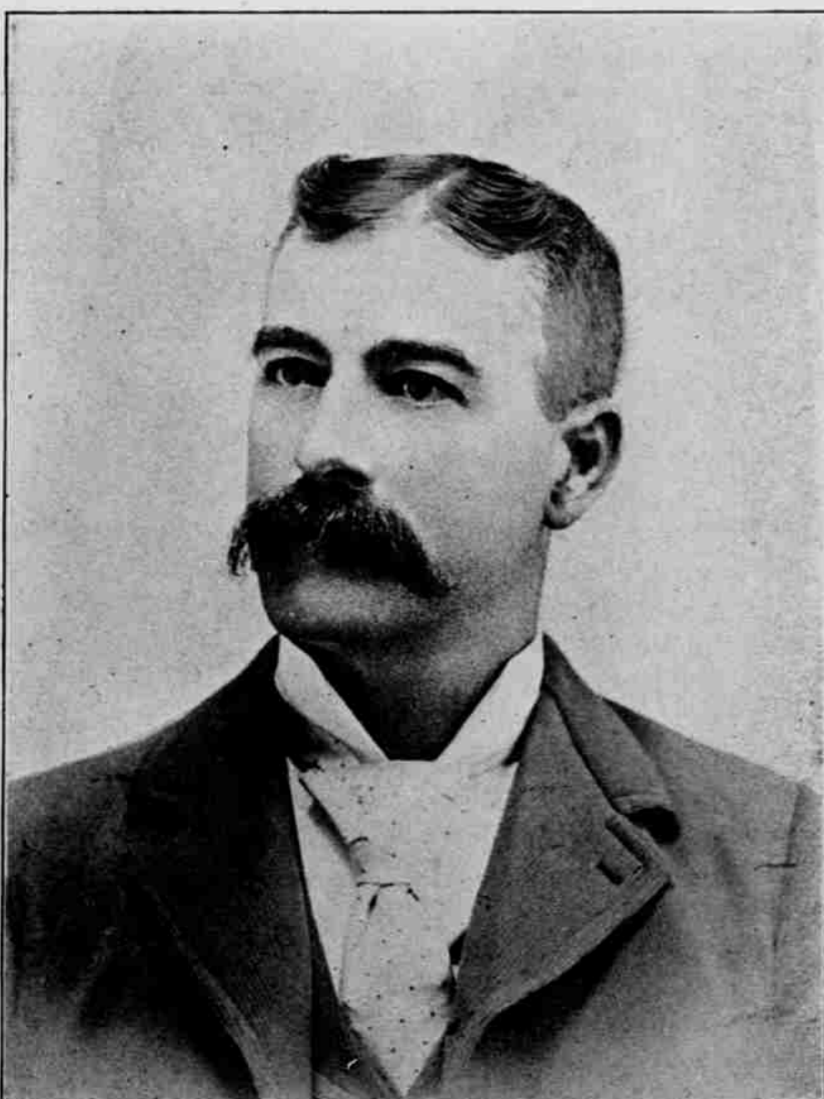
WILLARD L. VANDERPOOL.

The subject of this sketch, whose portrait is presented in this issue is one of the living exceptions which prove the rule "that a prophet is never honored in his own country."

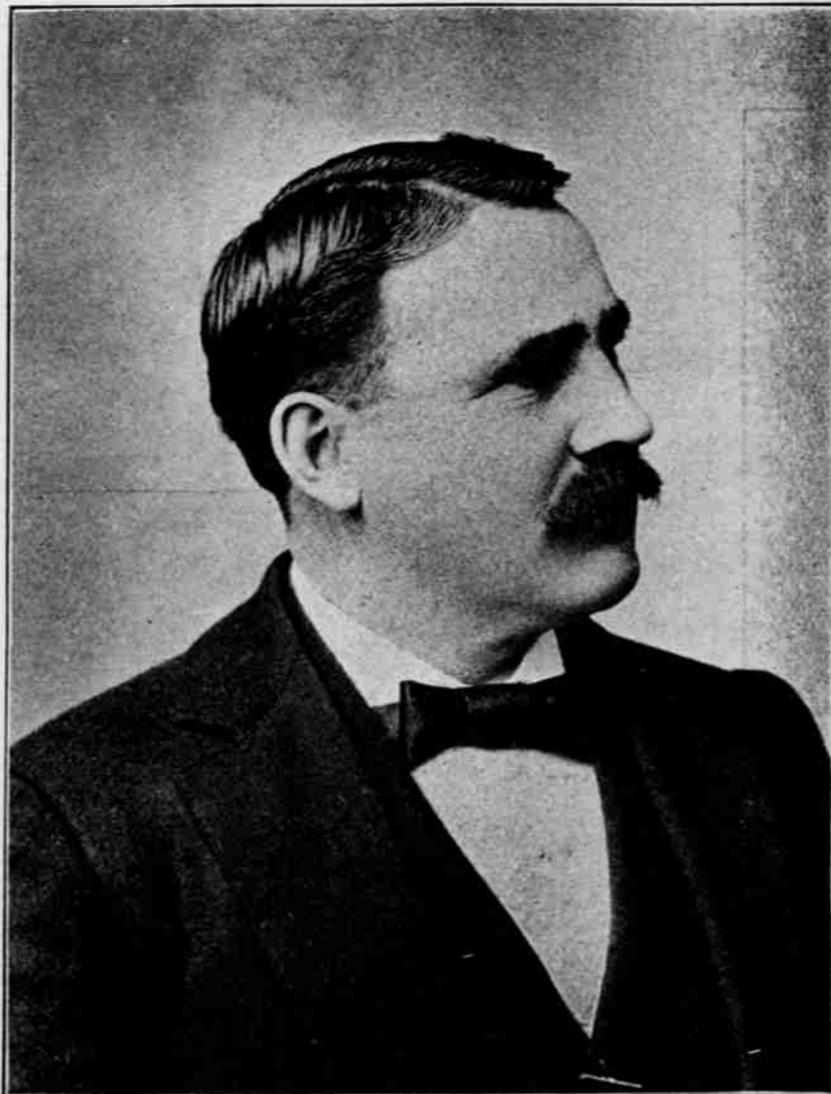
Born in Benton county in 1856, he remained there until '69. Moving then with his parents to Crook county, he remained in Prineville and immediate vicinity for the next 14 years, a portion of the time being engaged in the stock business. Moving then to Dufur, he became engaged in farming, until 1891, when in company with his father, Dr. L. Vanderpool and A. J. Brigham, he incorporated the S. B. Medicine Co., and acted as secretary-treasurer and manager. He is married to Miss Mary J. Heisler, of Dufur, and has one child living, a boy.

It is mainly due to his instrumentality that Dufur has the largest and most modern school in the county, he being one of the school directors, and not only devoting his time, but also in connection with T. Houst Johnson, liberally giving the land (two blocks) for its location. He was a member of the first city council, and serving creditably was re-elected again.

Mr. Vanderpool takes an active interest in fraternal circles, being a past grand in the I. O. O. F., and a past master workman in the A. O. U. W. He is also a member of the Woodmen.



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GEORGE W. JOHNSTON.

George W. Johnston is one of the best known citizens of Wasco county, where for many years he has been a resident, and a business man. He is now interested in the firm of Johnston Bros., general merchants, at Dufur, and is connected incidentally with other business interests of the place. Born in Centerville, New Brunswick, January 11, 1859, he remained there until he was 19 years old, receiving a liberal education in the schools of that Province. Starting out at that age for himself, he went to the central part of Kansas, but only remained there for a year. Coming then to Oregon, he was in the employ of the government contractors at Cascade Locks for one year, and the O. R. & N. Co. at The Dalles, until 1884, when he associated himself with his brother, T. H., in the general merchandise business at Dufur. He is also president of the S. B. Medicine Co., and has lent material aid in placing its merits before the general public.

Mr. Johnston is an enthusiastic Republican, being a warm supporter of the principles of that party, and has had several honors thrust upon him, namely being elected a member of the legislature in 1890, and Mayor of Dufur in 1896, and was school clerk for eight years.

He takes an active interest in Pythianism, and in the Woodmen.

In 1888 he married Miss Kittie Reed, of The Dalles, and his attractive residence, of which we give an illustration, bespeaks the refinement, comfort and sociability of its popular and entertaining inmates.

JOHNSTON BROS.

No firm stands higher commercially, at home or abroad, than the one above.

Established in 1884, in a small way, by T. H. and Geo. W. Johnston, they have by fair and courteous treatment toward their customers, built up a trade that is a handsome testimonial to their integrity and popularity. In 1893 Mr. J. C. Johnston became a member of the firm, and their business continued to increase and prosper until the fall of 1896, when they were completely burnt out. Not discouraged by this event, they at once secured new quarters, and buying an entire new stock, were catering to the wants of the public again in a few weeks. They expect to build a brick store on the site of the one burnt out very shortly. It will be 60x80, with a large warehouse in the rear, and will facilitate their handling a much larger stock than they are now able to carry. Still an inspection of their stock enables us to state that it is a complete and well selected one in every line. Their aim is to carry everything the farmer may want, and we believe in this they are successful. In farm machinery especially they have several lines of goods adapted to this section, namely Oliver chilled plows, McSherry drills, Mitchell wagons and J. I. Case threshers, and we understand they have sold more threshers this fall than all the rest of the dealers in the county put together.

They are also very large holders of well improved farms, and are in a position, from a practical standpoint, to answer any inquiries regarding lands in this vicinity.

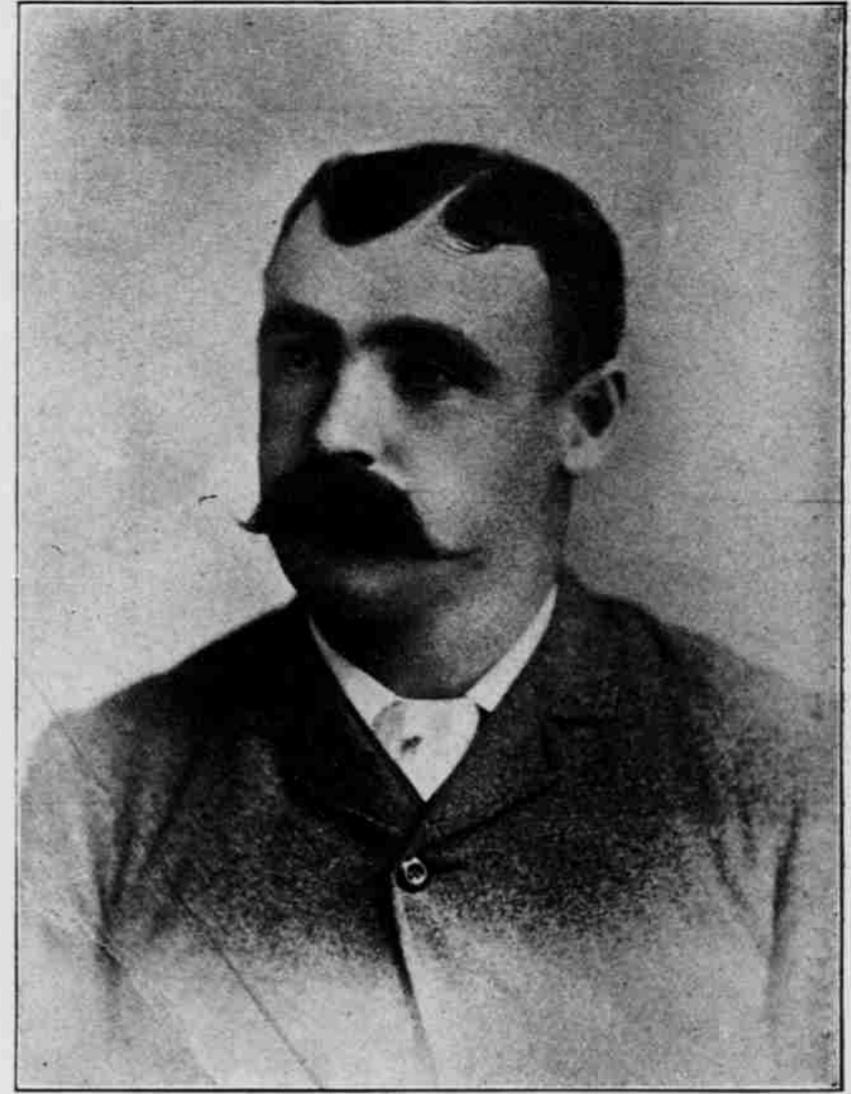
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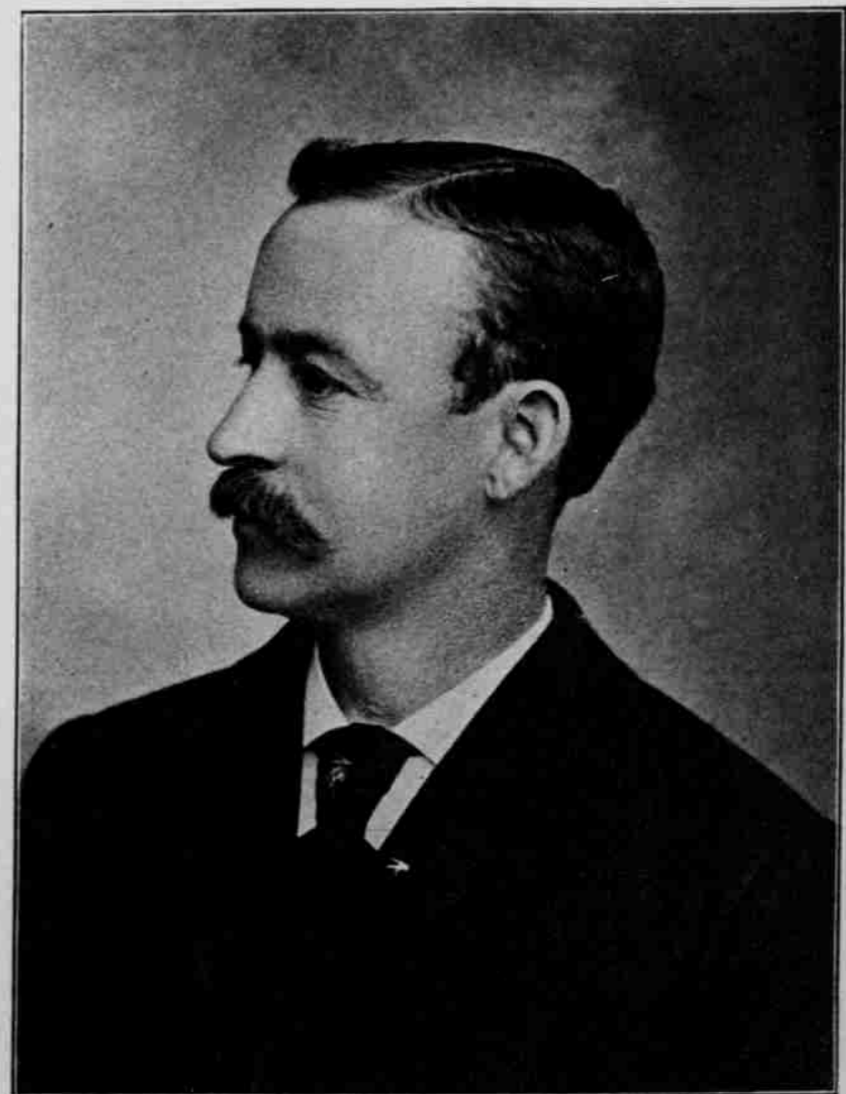


JOHN C. JOHNSTON.

The subject of this sketch, whose portrait accompanies it, is another of Dufur's well known citizens, at present a member of the city council. Born in Centerville, New Brunswick, March 21, 1854, he received his education there. At the age of 21 he moved to Sonoma county, California, where he spent two years, engaged in farming. Coming north then to Oregon, he established himself in Wasco county, and successfully followed stock raising for the next ten years. His next four years were spent traveling through Washington, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia, but finally coming to the conclusion that the opportunities in Wasco county, and especially at Dufur, could not be beaten, he returned there in 1891, and in 1893 bought an interest in the firm of Johnston Brothers. He is married to Miss Josie Laing, of Portland, and has one child, a girl, Mr. Johnston is an Odd Fellow, and Past Consul in the Woodmen. He is justly looked upon as one of the most energetic citizens we have, being a foremost worker in every movement tending to promote the city's good.

M. J. ANDERSON.

Milt. J. Anderson is a man of sterling worth, and to-day is one of the most popular citizens of the county, his affability and good nature making him legions of friends. He was born in Folsom, Sacramento county, California, in 1860. At the age of 15 he entered the drug store of J. S. Meredith, in his native town, but after several years spent in that business, apprenticed himself at 18 to the blacksmith trade at the Pacific Carriage Works, of Sacramento—a trade which he has followed ever since. In 1884 Mr. Anderson settled in Wasco county, and for the past seven years has conducted a large and successful general blacksmithing establishment in Dufur. He has always taken an active part in public affairs. Throughout his life he has been a staunch republican, and he has been quite a figure in county and state conventions for the past fourteen years, but was one of the many to refuse to follow the dictation of party leaders during the last campaign, and through the newspaper columns, and on the rostrum condemned the stand of his party on the financial question. His contributions are much sought after by the press, as he not only understands how to write, but what to write about. Of late years he has devoted his spare time to the study of law, simply for the satisfaction of understanding it, for in his words, he would much rather be a good blacksmith than a poor attorney. He has never been a candidate for any office, and was elected a member of the council of Dufur without effort on his part. In 1894 he advocated the incorporation of Dufur, wrote its charter, and assisted at Salem in the passage of the act making it a city, and is justly proud of the result. He is an honored member of the Woodmen of the World, and is in fact a great advocate of fraternal beneficiary societies. In 1886 he married Miss Ella M. Redman, of Wamic, and their union has been blessed by three boys.



M. J. ANDERSON.