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### Additional Locals.

Everything needed for school room use at the Stationery Store.

All members of the Circle please be on hand Friday night at the hall for practice.

Just received at the Stationery Store, the finest line of candies ever carried in the town.

The directors of the Alder Slope Ditch Co. have not yet been able to let a contract for its construction.

Master Lloid Akin of Joseph visited in this city for several days this week with his little cousin Clark Akin.

Miss Gertrude Brusha returned Wednesday from a visit of several days with Miss Jessie Imbler at E. W. Imbler's sheep camp.

The Enterprise Meat Market has been taking a lay off for the past two weeks, and as a consequence bacon and eggs have been in demand.

Walter Smith and Wilford Green were among the ones who successfully passed the Eighth grade examination held a short time ago in Joseph.

Dr. Temple and Claude Lockwood drove out to Elk mountain Sunday. George Mitchell and Miss Foster are both recovering from pneumonia.

Messrs. J. F. Bater, W. I. Calvin and W. S. Burleigh attended band practice in Joseph last Thursday evening. They report an enjoyable time.

The E. M. & M. Co. has begun work on installing the pump at the flouring mill for the water works. It will be completed and in operation as soon as possible.

Messrs. Achurch and Hammack, proprietors of the Lostine Bulletin-Leader, and the Hardware store in that city, were transacting business in Enterprise Thursday.

Jap Elhis and Clarence Vest left Saturday for Imnaha, the former returns to his lambing camp, and the latter goes to assist in the driving out of cattle from the winter range.

Quite a number around town have planted their early gardens, such as lettuce, radishes, peas and onions. Potatoes and cabbage will not be planted until near the first of June.

L. J. Booth was out from Imnaha Tuesday to see about getting a new wagon, as it was his wagon that went down the Imnaha a few days ago with Johnny Beeman and was a total wreck.

M. W. Goodman and W. H. Wagner started for Lewiston Friday with some horses which they will endeavor to dispose of. J. S. Wagner intended to go with them but Mrs. Wagner was taken sick the evening before.

N. W. Applington of Joseph creek was in town Thursday and made our office a business call. He says the fruit trees in that locality are heavily loaded with bloom and prospects for a heavy crop of fruit is very favorable.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dobbin passed through town on Wednesday on their way to Union having been summoned to the bedside of Mrs. Dobbin's father who is seriously ill. Mr. Huffman has many friends in this county who will be sorry to hear of his sickness.

The Sunday Oregonian announces that the U. S. Grand Jury has found an indictment against Walter Simmons of this county, charging him with giving false testimony before a U. S. Commissioner in regard to a homestead claim. The witnesses that were subpoenaed on this case returned Tuesday from Portland. They were George Gowing, Will Needham, Fred Mitchell, J. C. Weatherly and George H. Furgason.

One day last week Johnny Beeman attempted to drive a team across the Imnaha river at the Baer place. He had only gotten fairly started when the water struck the wagon bed, overturning the wagon and driver into the icy stream. The team came loose from the wagon and swam ashore, but the wagon and boy went down stream. Once the wagon turned over and Johnny was underneath. John Baer saw the predicament and swam his horse and rescued the boy who was chilled and almost ready to give up the struggle. It is safe to say that he will take no more chances in fording the Imnaha.

### A Communication.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Apr. 21, 1902.

EDITORS OF WALLOWA CHIEFTAIN:

Permit me through the columns of your paper, to say to the voters of the 24th Representative district, I shall propose and work for the following necessary legislation to wit:

1—The enactment of a primary law to apply to all of the counties of the state, at which county and precinct officers shall be nominated by a direct vote.

2—The abolishment of the office of District attorney, and the election of a County attorney for each county, at a moderate salary.

3—The abolishment of the office of County Assessor, and the election of District assessors for each county.

4—An amendment to the assessment and taxation laws, whereby the assessment shall commence on the first day of January of each year, and the assessment, levy and collection shall be completed within that year, and making taxes payable in the fall; and repealing the three per cent rebate provision by which the rich taxpayer is paid a bounty for performing his duty as a citizen.

5—The repeal of the iniquitous "land-shark" law passed at the last session of the legislature, and the enactment of a \$500 homestead exemption.

6—The creation of three commissioners districts in each county, and the election of a county commissioner from each district to constitute the commissioners court for the transaction of county business. The county Judge to be chairman of the board and to have a vote only in case of a tie. And the county Judge to be paid a sufficient salary, and be required to keep his office open at the county seat for the transaction of business in the same manner as the county Clerk.

7—An honest reapportionment law for the state, whereby each section of the state will be fairly represented.

8—A reform in the sale of school and other state lands so that said lands are sold at their true cash value.

9—The investment of the surplus of the irreducible School fund in school district and city bonds.

10—Any local legislation for the district proposed by a clear and safe majority of the voters effected thereby.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. BURLEIGH,  
Democratic Nominee for Joint-Representative.

### At Hymen's Alter.

The marriage of two well known and highly esteemed young people of Joseph, Mr. Frank Bowman and Miss Katie O'Sullivan, took place at the Catholic parsonage Wednesday evening, April 16, 1902, Rev. Father Przybyski officiating. The groom is a young business man of Joseph, and was formerly of Pendleton. The young lady is highly accomplished and among the most popular and esteemed members of Joseph's society circles.

The young couple left on the evening train for Pendleton where they will remain a week or ten days.—La Grande Chronicle.

### POLK COUNTY OIL

The Well Near Thomsmouth Contains Salt Water—Good Indications of Oil.

It is reasonably certain that oil has been struck on the Whiteaker farm near Monmouth. Mr. Joseph Hirschberg, the Independence banker, who is having the work done at his own expense, does not wish to talk about the matter. It is to be presumed that he, being a good and conservative business man, does not wish to be the means of precipitating an oil excitement until he is certain as to just what he has and what he may expect

Mr. Hirschberg was in Salem last evening, and he refused to be interviewed.

But it is learned upon good authority that he is having the hole reamed out larger, in order to put down casings. The whole 700 feet will have to be made larger, and as the work has only just commenced, it will require at least two weeks to complete the work. Then or shortly after, Mr. Hirschberg will begin to know what to expect, and then no doubt, the public will learn just what has been found down in the bowels of the earth over in old Polk county.

They struck salt water at a depth of about 700 feet. This is held by the experts to be an infallible indication that oil exists—at least with other indications of oil that have been found. It is real salt water like that of the ocean, and yields actual salt.

If Mr. Hirschberg did not think there is oil down in that hole, of course he would not be going to the additional considerable expense of having the hole made bigger and putting down casing. The casing is for the purpose of pumping oil, if it is found in paying quantities, or letting the oil run out, in case it is a flowing well, or a gusher.—Salem Statesman.

### PORTO RICO LETTER

By Miss Sarah E. Graves.

The rainy season in this island occurs in August, September and October, but this year was protracted well into the first days of December and retarded the sugar making for the usual time, working a good deal of hardship to the poor class, which is here a very great majority of the people. They seldom have a whole day's work except in sugar season, which generally lasts from six to nine months. And were it not for the banana which universal and beneficent fruit, which ripens the year round, and often stands between the very poor and starvation, in times of little work or disaster there would be much suffering.

The sugar making was commenced a month later than usual, but at last the whistles of the mills were heard, long and loud, at five o'clock in the morning, and at once put a different face upon affairs. Long before daylight in the morning, crowds of laborers, men, women and boys pass the house, going to the cane fields, talking, laughing, whistling, the merriest set of toilers that ever woke us from our sound morning nap. Your true Porto Rican laborer, whether white or black is the cheerfulest worker in the world. After his early meal of only black coffee and bread, often minus the bread, he goes singing to his work, although the singing is noise, not music. All day he shouts to the bulls, or his fellow workman, and the sounds of his labor can at any time be heard half a mile away. Eats his breakfast brought to him in the field by some member of his family at noon, then after his day of leisurely work is done goes sauntering homeward in his grass thatched cabin still in hilarious mood. No hardship seems to worry him, no disaster to kill his cheerfulness.

We made a visit to the nearest sugar mill in that vicinity not long ago. It is a mile from our seaside dwelling, and our road lay the whole distance between the ranks of tall green cane, except in one field where twenty-five or thirty workmen were cutting and stripping cane and loading it upon carts to which were yoked the usual team of bulls which do all the heavy hauling in this country, horses being used only for carriages or the saddle. Along the roadside and bordering the cane fields were the fine irrigating ditches, some of them made of brick, two feet deep and the same in width, running nearly full of clear water from which the rows of cane can be flooded at any time. Near where the men were at work, sitting on the grassy bank of the ditch and chatting with a passing friend, was an overseer spink and span in white duck and irreproachable head gear and foot wear. His was a contrast to the rough costumes of the

barefooted workers. Arriving at the mill, the very courteous and obliging Major Domo, or manager, came forward, hat in hand to welcome us. At our request, although he could not speak English nor we Spanish, he showed us over the place from the beautiful and finely "groomed" engine of up to date American manufacture, to the place where the cane is "fed" to the machine, thence to the vats of pulp where the boiling process is begun, on to the metal boilers when it is finished by long wheels made of iron cylinders filled with hot steam revolving in the liquid, thence down a short flight of steps to the immense bins where tons and tons of sugar were being drained and dried. After drinking a glass of cane juice which is the regulation beverage offered to visitors, and accepting with thanks the half gallon pail of syrup offered us, finer than any of the "drips" offered in the States, we were bowed out by the kindly Major Domo. This particular sugar plant was built at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars. It has tributary to almost three thousand acres of land. Turns out 1,200,000 pounds of sugar and three hundred hoghead of molasses annually. As soon as a field is cleared of cane, it is plowed and replanted. The plow used looking very much like the old prairie plow in vogue in Illinois by the first settlers. It is worked by from four to eight bulls, a boy riding upon the yoke between the heads of each pair, with long steel pointed goads to drive them, while a man manipulates the plow. The field is planted with cuttings of cane in deep trenches, or furrows, by men with spade and hoe. A mile from the first mill is a second with a larger number of acres tributary to it, and the whole sea shore of the island extending back three or four miles and in some places more, to the mountains, is dotted with sugar manufacturing factories. Still the retail price of sugar here is higher than in the States.

About eighteen or twenty miles east of Santa Isabel our American syndicate has lately located a very large and finely appointed sugar plant, bought and rented a large amount land and built a railroad which now terminates within two miles of Santa Isabel. It is intended for moving cane and workmen from distant points to the factory. Also they have a steam tug and several "lighters" that ply along the coast. The railway is intended to extend a few miles to the westward of Santa Isabel, but unexpectedly a Porto Rican farmer on the line objected to having the road laid across his land and pending the settlement of the difficulty the terminus of the syndicate road is Jouke, a small town on the coast about two miles east of Santa Isabel. At the rate now in progress all the industries of the island will in a few years be in the hands of Americans, and this fair sleepy isle will wear a different aspect.

### Land! Land!! Land!!!

The Burleigh Real Estate Agency has placed on the market some choice bargains in real estate. Notice here: 160 acres of fine bottom land with an abundance of running water with water rights; 60 acres in cultivation; the finest alfalfa or wheat land; price \$2500 on easy terms. 120 acres of fine alfalfa land; good improvements: a snap at \$1000. 320 acres of fine alfalfa, clover or grain land at \$12 per acre. 160 acres on Alder Slope; good orchard; a \$200 wood saw and various articles go with the place at \$1100. 320 acres; 100 in cultivation; living stream flowing through place; best stock ranch in Wallowa valley; \$3500 on easy terms. We only handle property that will sell, consequently can quote you the lowest prices on all classes of real property. Call on or write the firm for further particulars. THE BURLEIGH REAL ESTATE AGENCY Enterprise, Oregon.

## Everything

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## At the

# Busy Big Store



### A Car load of wag-

### ons and farm machinery.

Respectfully yours,

# E. M. & M. CO.