

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Picked Up Here And There By The Chieftain.

Dr. Foster is at Wallowa this week on a professional trip.

A good stock of Mens and boys clothing now at the E. M. & M. Co. store.

Chas. Fitzer and George Morten were in from the Paradise country Wednesday.

Edw. Mason, of Lostine prospects, was in the city Tuesday on a short business trip.

Now is the time to buy Mackintoshes. A good line at the E. M. & M. Co. store.

We failed to record the birth of a son week before last to Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Tenpole.

H. Hunt, of Prairie Creek, was delivering rings in this city Tuesday to the E. M. & M. Co.

Bills are out announcing a Grand Masquerade in Enterprise Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 27.

\$100,000 to loan at 7 per cent interest on real estate security.

Wanted: A good solicitor for a good proposition at good wages. Inquire at the Chieftain office.

Lloyd & Morgan, of Upper Imnaha, delivered a load of yielding weather to Wm. Makin Wednesday.

A show that beats them all for style and quality is the American Lady shoe at the E. M. & M. Co. store.

K. S. Francis, formerly of this vicinity writes to have the address of his childhood chum to Parker, Wash.

Have you a superb heating stove at medium price any one of the Garden Avenues at the E. M. & M. Co. store.

Among many other items we failed to record last week was the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Avery.

The masonry work on the hotel building was completed Tuesday and work is being pushed rapidly on the wood work.

The large machine in the Enterprise Planning mill is laid up for repairs, but is hoped that it will be ready for business in a few days.

Mrs. J. H. Rowley and children are visiting in Joseph this week. Mrs. Rowley is a daughter of W. K. Stubbins and resides in Baker county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Rich passed through town Monday enroute for Elgin. Mrs. Rich will go from there to Union and will visit friends for a time.

W. H. Allen, of Lostine, was in the city last week and informed us that he would start in a day or so for a month's visit with relatives in Kansas and other Eastern States.

Mrs. S. J. Blankenship has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Luttrell, at Boise, Idaho, and is staying with her daughter, Mrs. John Endicott on Lower Prairie Creek.

The history of Union and Wallowa counties is being delivered this week. The comment on its merits varies to some extent. Probably in accordance with the amount of money the collector jerks.

The E. M. & M. Co. will place on sale in a very few days an elegant stock of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats, Jackets and Fur sets at prices that will please the purchaser. Wait and see them before buying winter traps.

Saturday night and Sunday brought out of the hardest wind storms seen in this locality in a number of years. Many fences were almost a total wreck. The new fence around the football ground barely escaped to tell the tale.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the consequent bad condition of the roads none of the Woodmen of the World attended the Log Rolling at Elgin this week, but the local lodge had a big time all of its own at which eight candidates received the degrees.

J. D. Zarcher returned Saturday from Corvallis to attend to his business affairs connected with the electric light plant. Jim has been manager of the Agricultural college football team this fall and has been making a good record as a student from the bunch grass country.

W. S. Burleigh took his departure Monday for San Francisco where he will enter the Cooper-Guernsey Dram-

atic school. After taking a thorough course in elocution and the principles of dramatic art he will cast his lot behind the foot lights. His many friends wish him success in his new undertaking.

All reports as to the reclaiming of good land under the different acts of congress go to show that the personal interests of politicians and their friends is being considered in either pushing the work or delaying it. It is evidently necessary that Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department take this matter in hand as he has done the Eastern Oregon Forest Reserve as given in another column of this issue.

C. A. Rogers started a crew of men and a pack train of supplies for his Imnaha mines Wednesday morning. Mr. Rogers has had a force of men at work continuously for more than a year, and expects to prosecute work all winter. His faith in the Imnaha grows stronger all the while, as the work progresses, and thinks the next year will produce a marked change in the conditions of the upper Snake river.—Asotin Sentinel.

Forest Supervisor M. P. Isenberg was in town Friday, attending the stockmen's meeting. Mr. Isenberg informs us that a change has been made in the matter of allotment of range in the reserve. By a ruling of the Secretary of the Interior, made February 8, 1902, the allotment of range in reserve was placed in the hands of wool-growers associations, where such associations included a majority of the sheepmen in their membership. On October 24th, last, this authority was taken from the stock associations and placed entirely in the hands of the forest supervisors. The rules governing the allotment are the same as heretofore.—Antelope Herald.

The appointment of a new Register of the Laddrande Land Office is up again, and there are many aspirants for the position. If the public could have anything to say in this matter a change would be made mighty quick. But all they can say at present is "Anybody, Oh Lord" besides the present incumbent. Anybody who will obey the law and follow the instructions of the General Land office and at the same time exhibit a small speck of courtesy and consideration for the people whom he was appointed to serve. A crank or tyrant has no business trying to fill a position as a public servant. The spirit of the law's intent is revealed when a Register shows utter contempt and with a high hand compels the people who come before him to submit to his whims and personal prejudices. No fault can possibly be found with the present Receiver, S. O. Swackhamer. He is obliging and accommodating to all, his bitterest enemy will receive the same treatment as his best friend in an official manner, but then "Swack" has more than his share of friends, and less than the average allotment to the average man of personal enemies. It is generally conceded that he will succeed himself. But as to this Register-ship, Baker, Knowles, Butler, Thompson or anybody will be satisfactory, and the sooner the change the better.

Put "Counter" at Each County Seat.

Telegram.—William Killingsworth, who, as chairman of the committee appointed to solicit \$15,000 for the establishment of an Oregon bureau of information at the Union Depot, has already secured \$5000 of the amount, uses some original arguments that seldom fail to give substantial results.

"Oregon has an abundance of resources," said Mr. Killingsworth to a representative of the Telegram today. "but, like gold nuggets, they are where you find them. He knows they are here because somebody has told him so. He knows that there is vacant land in Eastern Oregon, possibly, that might be homesteaded. But he does not know just where. He could not be informed by any of our local institutions just what would be the actual cost of cultivating this land; he does not know just how far, approximately, it is to the nearest river, or how many streams that might be utilized for irrigation; he might be informed that there is an abundance of water power going to waste in the state; that factory sites are without number; that there are fortunes being made in hops and wheat and timber, fishing, farming, agriculture, stockraising and mining. He might be furnished with a great conglomeration of facts and figures. But, after all, where would he go to invest his money and be reasonably sure that he would not be out his

railroad fare and much time in selecting a place to locate?"

"Details are what we want and not a lot of generalities. I would say convert the state literally into a great department store of information. Have in Portland, the metropolis, a central office, and in each town or at each county seat in the state have a counter; at each counter have a head clerk, whose business it will be to gather specific facts about the openings in trade and chances in business investments that his particular section offers. Let us have system. Send these reports regularly to the head office, where they will be tabulated for the benefit of the homeseeker, the manufacturer and the business man who arrives from the East looking for somewhere to light.

"A 'floor-walker' would be at the Union Depot then to direct the stranger to where he can get anything he desires.

"Suppose, for instance, a man wanted to buy a pair of suspenders. And we will suppose that across the street (a large mercantile house, with an immense stock of goods, but instead of these goods being arranged in departments and on shelves they are all piled to the ceiling, a conglomerate mass of articles—men's furnishing goods, ladies' dress goods, groceries, stoves, rope, books, bran and what not, all heaped up in an inextricable mass. There may be no discount on the goods; they may be first-class. But a customer comes along. The store is suitably supplied with clerks. He gazes at the fine lot of goods turned every which way; the attendant finally reaches him, and on being informed that he came there to buy a pair of suspenders sets to work to find them. After delving for some time like a miner in the big pile of promiscuous goods, the clerk turns to the customer and confesses shamefully that he is unable just now to put his hands on the particular articles desired. 'But we have them in stock,' says he, 'and some good ones, too; just have patience and I will try another search for them.'

"So don't, my friend, you have an excellent assortment of goods here, and I have no doubt but you have tucked away somewhere in that big pile, just the kind of goods that I want, but really I have no time to wait for you to look through all that mess. I need a pair of suspenders, and need them bad. So good day, sir; I see another store over there; I'll just try them."

"With that the disgusted customer passes out and enters the other establishment. Without any fuss or feathers, the man behind the counter promptly puts before the buyer an assortment of the goods called for. The stranger pays the price for them and departs satisfied. Forever afterward he has a good word for the merchant he patronized; but he never misses an opportunity to "knock" the other dealer. One bad system, the other had not.

"It makes no difference how manifold and varied a stock of goods is, if they are not properly assorted we will always be handicapped in the race for trade and prosperity. We have the resources; let us have them catalogued. The bureau of information proposes to do this work; it is not any one man's scheme, it is for the general welfare of

the state that this bureau is being established. I think the people of this city are becoming more awake to the necessities of the hour. The fact that we have already raised one-third of the amount of money asked proves this. The balance will be secured within a few days.

The Crime of Thrift.

Minneapolis Tribune.—Whatever may be the pretext for the discrimination against the Jews in Roumania, the real reason for their persecution is unquestionably their superior thrift. They are industrious, abstemious, shrewd, and when they are given an equal chance with the other inhabitants of the country, many of them soon become forlorned and engage in business. Some of them are peddlers, some merchants, some craftsmen, some manufacturers, and some money lenders. It is in the latter capacity that they excite the greatest amount of prejudice. The untutored Roumanian peasants spend their money faster than they earn it, and mortgage their little belongings to their more prudent neighbors, the Jews. The sight of the Jew making his livelihood without severe manual toil, and gradually acquiring possession, through foreclosure, of much of the property, is an offense to the people who regard themselves as of the native stock, and the natural lords of the country and the soil.

Although Jews have been domiciled in Roumania probably since the destruction of the nation by Titus, they are, nevertheless, still designated as aliens by the Roumanian law, and in order to put a check upon their thrifty proclivities they have been denied the right to live in villages. When this severe regulation failed to starve the Jews out, for they could still make a living from the soil, the definition of village was stretched to include every nook and corner of the country, until the Jews had no abiding place, and were compelled to emigrate. As "foreigners," they were denied the right to hold landed property and barred out of one employment or business after another. This accounts for the poverty of the Roumanian Jews, who are assisted to emigrate to this country by people of their race more fortunately situated.

Are the people of Roumania and the peasants of some districts of Russia the only people who treat thrift as a crime? Hardly. The Roumanians and Russians are more frank about it, but a number of political agitators in more highly civilized countries in effect proclaim the same doctrine when they advocate measures to manage industry and commercial development. How often is envy, jealousy and all uncharitableness hidden under the cloak of "reform." Even in this country of energy and hard work men who take hold and develop things and are remarkably successful in building up their own fortunes, while at the same time promoting the general welfare, are made the object of unreasonable attacks. And in humbler spheres thirty negroes who have risen in the social scale are too often made the subject of disparaging remarks by those who, with equal opportunities, have lagged behind. The Roumanian peasantry are more crude and drastic in their methods, but the same taint of envy is upon all hatred of superior thrift.

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