

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

### IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

#### Picked Up Here And There

##### By The Chieftain.

C. E. Lewis is working in the Enterprise Meat Market at present.

Frank Melotte was out from Innaha Wednesday on a business trip.

Mrs. W. E. A. Watson is staying at Mrs. J. F. Baters for a few days.

J. E. D. Lacert, the sawmill man of Lostine was in the city Wednesday.

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

C. E. Slack is building a new house on his property in the south part of town.

H. A. Church, of the Lostine Hardware Co. was in the city on Friday of last week.

Ed. Avery is building a new house in the north part of town assisted by Lee DeVore.

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

Married, in Joseph, Nov. 2nd, Mr. Frank Marr and Miss Iva Legore, both of that city.

W. S. Burleigh and Warren Forsythe were out in the woods this week on a camping trip.

Miss Cora Vaughn came out from Innaha Tuesday and is visiting friends in Enterprise.

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

C. T. McDANIEL.

Mr. Schoonmaker, a mining man of Innaha was in the city Saturday enroute for outside points.

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

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

Married, in this city last week, Mr. C. L. Lilly and Miss Cynthia Leut both of Lostine. Rev. Samms officiating.

B. Boswell is adding more stable room to his livery barn by building an addition on the West of the main barn.

If you want a superb heating stove a medium price buy one of the Garden Acorn at the E. M. & M. Co. store.

The Misses Forsythe and DeVore and M. K. Manning attended the teachers meeting at Wallowa last Saturday.

John Bare and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gibson, of Innaha, were in the city this week purchasing winter supplies.

Homan & Warner now have charge of both the White Front and Red Front Livery Stables and are doing a fine business.

J. L. Munson, the harrow man was in the city the first of the week. He has been making his headquarters at Wallowa for some time.

Prof. J. W. Kerns and Miss Rose Martin teachers in the Joseph public school attended the meeting of pedagogues at Wallowa Saturday.

J. P. Morelock, of Wallowa, who makes the towns of the valley once each month in the interest of a big cigar firm was in the city Wednesday night.

Sheriff Shackelford and Dr. Ault, county physician went out to Paradise Wednesday to look after Eddie Fete, a county charge who has been sick for three years.

O. R. Bail, the popular representative of the American Type Founders Co., of Portland, was in the city Tuesday on a regular visit to the print shops of the county.

The Chieftain Job Office just turned out a lot of check books for the Wallowa National Bank that would do credit to any bank or any printing office, if we do say it ourselves.

The stone work on the hotel building and the barber shop and Chieftain buildings will be completed this week and their entire completion will then be a matter of only a short time.

G. H. Vest has completed a temporary residence on his property in the south part of town in which to live during the winter. Next summer he will erect a fine stone residence.

The pump house for the city water works has been completed. The walls are two feet thick and filled with sawdust. It is the intention of the company not to let the pump freeze up this winter.

Miss Anna McAbster and Miss Mattie Imbler started last week for LaGrande where they will attend school this winter. Anna will attend the Sisters School and Mattie will attend the Commercial college.

Mrs. John Reed, of Alder Slope, is suffering from a severe case of asthma. Dr. Ault is prescribing for her, and it is hoped that a cure can be effected here, so that she will not be compelled to take a change of climate.

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

Ex-Sheriff A. J. Neilon, of Lake county, who was convicted of the embezzlement of over \$500 of that county's funds at last spring's term of court, had sentence passed upon him, by Judge H. L. Benson, last Thursday. Neilon was sentenced to a term of four years in the state penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$6000 in addition.

#### Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The annual Thanksgiving proclamation was issued this afternoon. President Roosevelt says:

"Over a century and a quarter has passed since this country took its place among the nations of the earth, and during that time we have had on the whole, more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people.

"Generation after generation has grown to manhood, and each has had its peculiar burdens. Each has had to face its special crisis and each has known its years of grim trial when the country was menaced by malice, domestic or foreign levy, when the hand of the Lord was heavy upon it by flood or pestilence. When in bodily distress and anguish of soul it paid the penalty of folly and a forward heart. Nevertheless, decade by decade, it has struggled onward and upwards.

"We now enjoy material well-being and under the favor of the Most High we are striving earnestly to an active moral and spiritual uplifting. The year just passed has been one of peace and plenty. Rarely has the people of the United States had a greater season of prosperity than we are now enjoying. For this all should tender heartfelt and solemn thanks to the Giver of all good. Let us seek to praise Him, not in words only, but by deeds, and by the way which we do our duty to ourselves and to our fellowmen."

The message closes in the usual way by proclaiming Thursday, November 27th, 1902, as a day of thanksgiving.

#### TO AMEND TAX LAW.

The Oregonian has the following to say with reference to the present tax law.

The tax law enacted by the last legislature has worked well throughout the state. It has put into operation a highly effective method for assessment and collection of taxes. County officials universally acknowledge the efficiency of the law and the advantage of the new system over the old.

Some of them, however, think that amendments should be made in order to lessen the penalties for delinquency. Others think that the rebate of 3 per cent on taxes paid on or prior to March 15 should be removed, but this opinion is not widely shared. These changes, if carried out, would not alter the essential character of the law, only modify it.

Senator Alex Sweek, of Multnomah County, who had a leading part in framing the law and who favored it in the Legislature, has asked Assessors and County Judges throughout the state for suggestions as to how to make the operation of the law more effective. Mr. Sweek has received about a dozen written replies. None of the authors demands extensive alteration of the law. But a strong opinion prevails among them that the penalties for delinquency are too severe.

The penalties prescribed are 10 per cent of the delinquent taxes for the benefit of the county, and 12 per cent interest from the day the taxes become delinquent until they are paid, for "the benefit of the county or other public corporation which shall have an interest in any portion of such taxes." Delinquency begins with the first Monday in April; provided, "that if one-half of the taxes . . . be paid on or before the said first Monday of April, then the time for the payment of the remainder of such tax may be extended to and including the first Monday of October next fol-

lowing but if the remaining one-half of such tax be not paid on or before the first Monday of October, then such remaining half shall be delinquent, and besides the penalty, interest thereon shall be charged and collected at the rate of 12 per centum per annum from the first Monday of April preceding."

The opinion is general that the tax laws should be improved so as to reach personal property more effectively. The Taxpayers' League of Portland is working on a bill to this end. Much personal property, such as merchandise and stocks of goods, is not reached by the Assessor. One improvement suggested is that such kinds of personal property be assessed whenever found, and another is that the taxes be paid when the assessment is made.

It is suggested that the time of delinquency be extended to April 15 and October 15 from the first Monday in those months. These dates would be more easily remembered by taxpayers and would give Sheriffs more time for collection. As things are now sheriffs are hard rushed, and a large force of clerks has to be employed, thus entailing a big expense to the county.

Another proposal is that taxes be paid in full in October or November instead of in March and early April. But this would require extensive readjustment of the fiscal system of the state. The Sweek law goes as far as it can in this direction by permitting half of the taxes to be paid as late as the Monday in November.

One writer proposes as a way toward raising assessments nearer to real valuations that minimum values be prescribed, and another that lands be assessed when sold. One Assessor laments that he has been unable to get hold of bank stock, and urges that something be done about it.

#### A Timber Remedy.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—The annual report of Land Commissioner Hermann calls attention to violation of the timber and stone act, by which large corporations have secured title to large tracts of timber lands in Oregon and other Western states, and urges an amendment to secure control of these lands by his office.

The Land Commissioner shows 14 mineral patents issued in Oregon, and 31 claims filed for a total mineral area of 650,265 acres. Patents were issued at the Oregon branch of the Central Pacific road for 32,691 acres of land last year, and to the Oregon & California road for 64,800 acres. Patents to the Oregon Wagon Road companies aggregated 156,778 acres. The state received patents for 529 acres of land under a swamp grant, making a total of 241,606 acres patented.

The report shows 31,873,671 acres of vacant public land in the state, of which 23,597,930 acres are surveyed and 8,275,741 acres unsurveyed. The reserved area in the state includes 5,878,411 acres and 23,525,358 acres appropriated. The area covered by surveys accepted last year aggregated 794,104 acres.

The commissioner reports experiments by Colonel R. C. Judson near Coyote, Or., in growing successfully alfalfa on dry desert land heretofore considered worthless, and urges trial elsewhere.

One hundred and eighty-eight thousand sheep and 4,600 cattle and horses were allowed to graze on the Cascade forest reserve during the year.

#### Principal Resigns.

M. K. Manning resigned last Friday as principal of the Enterprise Public School and his resignation was duly accepted by the board of directors who then offered the position to C. E. Oliver, for 20 years a teacher in Union and Harney counties. Mr. Oliver arrived on Sunday and took charge on Monday. There are many people in the county who need no introduction to him for nearly every young man or woman that ever lived in Union county has at some time during their school days recited to C. E. Oliver. The editor of the Chieftain is no exception to this rule, we are glad to say.

#### For Sale or Trade.

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J. S. HORNBY,  
Innaha.

Lost between Enterprise and Swamp Creek, one small package containing a pocketbook and song "Just break the news to Mother," and other articles. Finder please leave at Chieftain office.

#### Lost.

Between the canyon and Enterprise 40 head of ewes, part branded "L" and part branded "K." Liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery.

KERNAN BROS.,  
Joseph, Ore.

#### Notice.

WALLOWA COUNTY, OREGON,  
July 11, 1902.

To SAMUEL BROWN:

You are hereby notified that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements on the Cold Spring mineral claim located in the Innaha Mining district, in which claim you were owner of one-third interest, and as will appear by certificate filed July 26, 1901, in the office of County Clerk of Wallowa county, Oregon, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of Section 2324 Revised statutes of the United States, being amount required to hold same for year ending December 31, 1901, and if within 90 days after this notice by publication you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner your interest in said claims will become the property of the subscribers under Section 2324.

J. F. CUTLER,  
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