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JAMES A. STRANAHAN, a young man of integrity and good habits, resides at Hood River, where, in partnership with Albert Stranahan and J.F. Bagley, he is conducting the business of the Fashion Livery and Dray Company. He was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, on August 4, 1871, the son of Horace C. and Maggie (McKinley) Stranahan, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. When he was six years old, he came with the family to the Willamette valley, Oregon, and two years later moved to Hood River. His education was obtained in the district, graded, and private schools in this part of the country and after finishing the same, he turned his attention to the lumber business. After that, he did farming for several years. Off and on for ten years, he was in Sherman county where he filed on a homestead of eighty acres and bought a quarter section in 1895. He continued the owner of this until 1903, when he sold out the same and returned to Hood River to engage in business, that occupying him at the present time. He is an active and stirring young man, with good business ability and fine address. Owing to his geniality and kindness, he is very popular and has a great many friends. The business is a prosperous, one and is being handled profitably with a display of wisdom and excellent judgment.

Fraternally, Mr. Stranahan is a member of the K.P. and the W.W. In political affairs, he is a Republican, and is especially active in the campaigns, and a stanch party man. As yet Mr. Stranahan has never seen fit to embark upon matrimony's uncertain seas but is contented with the quieter joys of the jolly bachelor. He is one of the good citizens of Hood River and is a man of worth.

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