

J. HENRY JOHNSTON, of the Dufur Drug Company, a public-spirited citizen and progressive business man, and well known throughout Wasco county, resides at Dufur. He was born at Centreville, Canton county, New Brunswick, and his parents are mentioned elsewhere in this work, with their ancestry.

Our subject was reared and educated in Centreville. His grandfather was the first settler in that district, and the founder of the town. In 1885 J. Henry Johnston went to Colorado, where he engaged in various employments, and thence came to Oregon, having remained but one year in Colorado. He was three years with Gilman, French & Company, near Fossil, Wheeler county, engaged in the stock business. Two and one-half years later he came to Wasco county, where he worked a short period for his brothers and also engaged in farming on his own account. He purchased and rented land and cultivated the same three years, and then disposed of all his farming interests to his brother, Samuel. He then entered the store of Johnston Brothers, in Dufur, and was, also, on the road one year traveling for a medicine house. In 1899 Mr. Johnston purchased an interest in a drug store from C.P. Balch, which he has since successfully conducted. He has four brothers and five sisters, mentioned in another portion of this work.

November 12, 1898, at Dufur, Mr. Johnston was married to Maud Peabody, a native of Iowa. Her parents were Frank and Celia (Hewitt) Peabody, her father a native of Salem, Massachusetts, and a descendant of the old and distinguished American family of Peabodys, whose eventful biographies are closely identified with the history of this country. Her parents both reside at Dufur. She has one brother and one sister. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have three children, James H., Genevieve E., and Gwendoline C. He is a member of the I.O.O.F., W.O.W., and politically a Republican. In November, 1904, the Dufur Drug Company was organized by our subject, C.P. Balch and Dr. Dodds.

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