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THE DALLES OREGON

OIL COMPANY FINDS VEIN OF GOOD COAL

At Present Will Prospect Coal Discovery

MACHINERY ORDERED FOR DEEP DRILLING

Coal Is Found at Depth of 150 Feet—New Find To Be Thoroughly Prospected.

Although the news was not made public at the time, the Madras Oil & Gas Company drilled into a vein of good looking coal in the hole which they were sinking on the West slope of Grizzly. The coal was encountered at a depth of 150 feet and appears to be of a fine quality, but the extent of it is not known as the work was suspended just after the coal was struck, the machinery being too light to carry the hole to a much greater depth. When the work was suspended, Frank Forest, president of the company, left for California to buy heavier machinery. He did not buy in California, however, but placed an order with an Eastern firm through their Portland representatives, for a standard drilling outfit and other machinery, making up a car-load lot, and this will be received within the next six weeks.

In the meantime the drill on the ground will be used in prospecting the coal discovery, to ascertain the thickness of the vein, and it is probable that further investigation of the coal prospect will prove it to be of sufficient extent to be of great importance. The discovery of a good quality of coal in Crook county would be of immense importance in the development of this section, measurable by the extent of the coal deposits uncovered, and the exploration of their discovery by the local prospecting company will be watched with much interest.

As soon as the heavier machinery arrives work will be resumed on the deep well being drilled to prospect for oil. Mr. Forest bought casing and other material necessary to continue the work, and also employed another drill operator, who will have charge of the work. It is expected that this work will not be resumed within six weeks or two months, as it will take that long to get the machinery here and on the ground.

LINSTER SAWMILL AT BEND IS DESTROYED

Fire Causes Loss of \$5000—Lumber Yard Is Saved.

The town of Bend was visited by a disastrous fire last week, when the Linster sawmill situated on the Deschutes about a quarter of a mile below Bend was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$8000. The fire was fought by a volunteer fire brigade, which prevented it from spreading to the lumber yard proper, where \$15,000 worth of lumber was stacked.

The cause of the fire is unknown, though it is suspected that it is the result of carelessness on the part of some one passing through the mill yard, as fishermen crossing the river on the foot-bridge at the mill pass directly through the mill, and it is thought some of them carelessly dropped a lighted cigar or cigarette among the highly inflammable pine shavings or sawdust. There was only \$2500 insurance on the mill, one policy for \$1500 having expired about a month ago.

SURVEYORS IN THE FIELD

As announced in last week's Bulletin a crew of surveyors have been put in the field. They have established camp at O'Neil and the line will be run from that point to Shaniko, says the Bend Bulletin. The reason for starting at O'Neil instead of at Bend is because it will not be necessary to do much surveying over the D. I. & P. Co.'s segregation. The ditch company has 10-foot contour surveys of all its land. Thus a line can be largely worked out in the office by the use of the field notes.

The crew is in charge of Robert Rea, a civil engineer of Portland. Those who joined the crew from Bend are H. F. Gault, Frank May, Max Richardson, Harry Smith, Jack Hickson and S. R. Kelley. W. J. Buckley and Leland Covert of Redmond will also be with the crew which comprises 11 men.

Cash terms means better prices.—A. C. Sanford, Madras.

HAS WAITED 18 YEARS FOR RAILROAD

"Uncle" Frank Nichols of Laidlaw, was in Madras last Friday, this being his first visit into this section since the town of Madras was located. Mr. Nichols was the first pioneer settler upon land on the Deschutes river in the Laidlaw country, having filed a pre-emption on 100 acres at Pickett's Island 18 years ago. At that time there was talk of railroad extension into Central Oregon, and Mr. Nichols says that when he filed the pre-emption near where Laidlaw now is, he felt quite sure that the C. & E. would build through there in two or three years. He selected what he thought would be the most likely crossing on the Deschutes and filed there. After these 18 years of waiting, the prospects for the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern are no brighter than they were then. In Mr. Nichols' experience there is a world of suggestion to some of the settlers of this community who are withholding their support from the proposed Central Oregon railroad, in the belief that "Harriman will build in soon, anyway."

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

Some of the farmers in the vicinity of Pilot Rock have become very much alarmed over the damage being done by the grasshoppers this season, says a Pilot Rock (Umatilla county) item. They seem to be in spots, and in various places the second and third cuttings of alfalfa have been almost totally destroyed by them. They have not been known to be so bad for many years, and some declare it is on account of the dry season. Many gardens in this section have been almost entirely destroyed by the pests and altogether the damage will be quite heavy. No material damage has yet been done in the immediate vicinity of Pilot Rock, but many complaints are coming in from a few miles out.

WATER AT 32 FEET

Mrs. A. Woodward was in town last Saturday from her ranch near Juniper Butte, buying a pump for the well which she has just had drilled on the ranch. The well was drilled by Ivan Hale, and they struck water at 32 feet. There is only two feet of water in the well but drilling has been suspended until it can be ascertained whether or not the well will furnish enough water for stock and household purposes. If not, the well will be put down deeper. Mr. Hale has drilled several wells in that section of the country this Summer and is having good success in finding water at a shallow depth.

INJURIES FATAL TO MISS DOUTHIT

Miss Mary O. Douthit, who died in Portland last Saturday afternoon as the result of being struck by a street car, was formerly a resident of this county. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Douthit, both now deceased, and a sister of Sam and Harry Douthit. Miss Douthit moved to Portland about 15 years ago, and for a number of years taught school there. She was the author of a book of reminiscences and biographical sketches of pioneers entitled "A Souvenir of Western Women," published about the time of the Lewis & Clark Fair.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

H. F. Dietzel of the Madras Milling Company, was in Prineville Monday and Tuesday looking after business matters. He is returning from a trip through Antelope, Mitchell and others points in the interest of "Madras Flour" and reports progress along that line. The Madras mill was shut down July 3, and since the grain harvest of last year has ground 40,000 bushels of wheat. Mr. Dietzel says that the wheat crop in this section promises to be well filled and of fine quality, although the yield will not be as large as last year.—Prineville Journal.

Beginning with intense heat Sunday, Crook county weather has almost run the gamut of conditions. Tuesday the government thermometer registered 104, the highest in five years, and five hours later it was raining so hard between Hay Creek and the top of Grizzly that next morning the Prineville stage was delayed four hours, the road being in a frightful condition. Yesterday afternoon another shower descended, thoroughly drenching the ranges and doubtless injuring considerable hay that was still upon the ground. An electrical display accompanied the rain of yesterday afternoon.—Prineville Review.

CAMPERS KILL EIGHT DEER

W. H. Ramsey, J. E. Campbell and J. J. Watts and their families returned Tuesday from a two weeks' outing in the Cascades. They camped near the big berry patch on the Santiam and during their stay there killed eight deer. Berries were very scarce, and only a few have ripened so far as the season is late, but big game is unusually plentiful in the mountains.

THE PRESIDENT WILL HUNT IN OREGON

TO CHASE BEARS AND MOUNTAIN LION IN KLAMATH COUNTY

Roosevelt Plans Outing in Cascades Before Going to Africa For Lions.

KLAMATH FALLS, July 25.—President Roosevelt expects to hunt bear in the wilds of Klamath county after the expiration of his present term and before his departure for Africa, according to advices received in Klamath Falls today.

John D. Goff, the guide who directed the way to haunts of big game in Colorado on the occasion of the first Western hunt of the then Vice-President, will visit Klamath county in September for the purpose of making a personal investigation of the big game district of the Klamath region.

It is stated on high authority that Mr. Goff will make this trip especially for the purpose of advising the President as to the best time to hunt bears and mountain lion in this state. While the intended hunt is said to be practically decided upon, publicity was not desired and only by chance was the information obtained.

THE GOVERNOR VISITS IRRIGATION PROJECT

D. I. & P. Co.'s Segregation to Be Inspected By the State Land Board Officials

The large auto belonging to the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. was sent out to Shaniko yesterday to meet F. S. Stanley and a party of state officials, among whom is Governor Chamberlain, who are going to Bend to inspect the irrigation work in progress there on the several Carey Act segregations. The officials are expected in Madras today, on their way to Bend.

The irrigation work at Bend is all being done under the provisions of the Carey Act, by which the company acquires no title in the land reclaimed, but secures a lien upon the land for the cost of the reclamation, that cost being fixed by contract with the State Land Board. The reclamation work must be inspected and approved by the State Land Board before any land can be disposed of. The Governor and other members of the State Land Board have made a number of trips into Crook county in the past three years.

PROFESSOR FULTON ELECTED PRINCIPAL

Resigns From Prineville Schools to Come to Madras.

Professor P. C. Fulton of this place has been elected principal of the Madras public school for the ensuing year. Some time ago he was elected principal of the Prineville school, but he resigned that position and accepted a similar position in the Madras school.

Prof. Fulton was formerly principal of the Madras school for two terms, and last year was principal of the Mountain View school on Agency Plains. At the last teachers' examination he received a life certificate. In addition to his duties as principal, Prof. Fulton will teach the 9th and 10th grades recently added in the Madras school. His assistants will be Prof. Riley Cook, who will teach the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, and Miss Clara Horney, who will teach the first four grades in the school.

GERKING SUES FOR \$16,000

The troubles of W. A. Laidlaw, who was one of the owners of the Columbia Southern irrigation project on the West side of the Deschutes, seem to be multiplying. He has been having much trouble with the settlers and the State Land Board over his failure to supply sufficient water to irrigate the tract, and now J. B. N. Gerking, one of the pioneer settlers on the tract in the Laidlaw country, has filed suit against the Columbia Southern Irrigation Co., of which Mr. Laidlaw is the principal stockholder, for \$16,000. Gerking paid \$6400 for the land and water right, and claims that with the improvements he has placed upon it the land is now worth \$16,000, but the company is unable to give him clear title to the land, which it agreed to do as soon as he had finished paying for it. Hence the suit.

Read my announcement in another column.—A. C. Sanford.