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COULD FURNISH PLENTY JUICE

Electric Light Plant Here
Would Help Settle
Up Country.

PROPOSITION WILL
ASSIST NEWCOMERS

Plan Outlined for Putting in a
Steam Electric Light
Plant

A plan for establishing an electric light plant in Redmond that would furnish sufficient "juice" for light and power here, and leave enough for outside consumption, has been suggested to The Spokesman. The plan is one that looks good, and would be a source of help settling up the country and putting money in circulation here that now goes out of the county to enrich the coffers of the Standard Oil people.

The plan is this: Put in a steam plant here and burn juniper wood. Buy all the wood that is offered for sale, but not contract with any one person for any amount of wood. This would give every man who is clearing up his place a chance to sell his wood at from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cord, cash, and do away with a monopoly. By this method the newcomer would have a source of revenue while clearing up his land, and would not have

to depend upon the stores to sell his wood, and take pay out in trade.

It is stated that there are thousands of cords of red and white juniper wood in this section, and that the cost of running an electric light plant with wood would be cheaper than with gasoline.

This plan would enable the newcomers to receive a revenue while clearing up their land and waiting for returns from the crop, for the purpose would be to buy all the wood at the plant that was brought in and offered. And another point in favor of this proposition is that this money would remain here in Redmond and get into circulation among the business men, while now all the money for gasoline fuel for the electric light plant goes out of this section, never more to return.

Other places have tried this project and it has worked out to the advantage of both the owners of the electric light plant, and to the people in the community, and it is stated the same condition could obtain here if it was put in operation.

This is a matter worthy of consideration, for it would be the means of keeping the money that is paid for electric light and power right here at home, and would also encourage the newcomer to greater effort in clearing off his land.

REOPENING OF THE
OREGON CAFE.

Last Saturday morning the Oregon Cafe of this city reopened under the management of F. T. and J. D. Redmond. Everything about the place has been put in first-class order, an experienced corps of help engaged and the managers state they will endeavor to cater to the wants of the public in a satisfactory manner.

Albert Johnson and family, of Maiden Rock, Wis., arrived here last Thursday with a carload of household goods. His intention is to buy land and settle close to Redmond.

PROSPECTS ARE A GOOD SEASON

Every Indication Now Points
to a Prosperous Crop
Season.

WINTER WEATHER WAS
ESPECIALLY FAVORABLE

Continued Snows and Rains
Have Put Soil in Good
Condition.

Never in the history of Redmond and the territory in the western portion of the county has there been such a promise of a bumper crop season as the outlook promises for the present year.

The ground has been put in excellent condition by the heavy and continued snows and rains, and according to some of the old-timers, this section could get through the growing season this year without any irrigation from the canals and laterals. The moisture has penetrated to a great depth.

The dry section of country north of here is especially fortunate this year in getting plenty of moisture into the ground, and the promise of large yields of wheat and oats in that territory is flattering.

The ranchers in the Powell Butte, Pleasant Ridge, Crooked River and Redmond districts are all feeling good these days, and predict the largest crops this year in the history

of the western part of the county.

The irrigation this year, when necessary in this section, will be on a greater scale than formerly, as there is every indication now that the irrigation company will push their improvements forward rapidly so that water users can have all the water they are entitled to, and not be shut off in the dry months, as has been the case in former years.

With the promise of bounteous crops, the establishment of the creamery here, the increase in the dairying industry, the opening up of new land under the North Canal, and the furnishing of sufficient water to the water users, the prospect for a prosperous 1912 year are indeed flattering and encouraging.

FIRST RAILROAD
RIDE IN TWENTY YEARS.

Wm. Johnson, aged 75 years, who has been in Crook county for the past 29 years, took his first railroad ride in 20 years. He came from Bend to Redmond, a distance of 20 miles, one day last week. He said the ride seemed kind of natural, but he hung onto the seat as the train went around the curves. Mr. Johnson is one of the best known men in Crook county.

HAS A RELIC OF THE
FOURTEENTH CENTURY.

Alfred Munz, who recently bought out the Jackson hardware store, has on display in his show window a copper teakettle that was made in the 14th century, in Sweden. The kettle was hammered out of a solid block of copper, and surely looks like an old-timer. Mr. Munz has refused many flattering offers for the relic.

BRING BACK "PAT" AND
AVOID PROSECUTION.

The party who took the picture of "Pat" from Ehret's hall Thursday morning is known, and if the picture is not returned immediately to Geo. Kohl, prosecution will follow.

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MENDENHALL'S

NATIVE STONE FOR BUILDING

Good Results Being Obtained
With Lava Rock in
This Section.

MILLION SOF TONS
ARE AVAILABLE HERE

Indications Are That Many
Buildings in Future
Will Be Stone.

For many years it has been claimed that the lava rock in this section could not be used to advantage for building purposes, and while there are millions of tons of this rock in this section, no one ever gave a serious thought of putting the same to use for construction of any kind of a building. Since the advent of stonemasons in this part of the Central Oregon this condition of things has been changed.

The masons have demonstrated that the lava rock can be worked up and used in buildings, making a practically fireproof structure. The first stone building in Redmond to be built with lava rock was the Chad Irvin store on Sixth street, and this has been succeeded by the Aug. Johnson building on south Sixth street, between E and F streets.

The cost of building with the lava rock is cheaper than brick, and it is claimed better results can be obtained. The rock costs nothing but the hauling, and goes up fast in construction work. The rock can be obtained in as large pieces as desired.

For finishing purposes the pink rock quarried at Bend or the white rock found north of Redmond will be used to a considerable extent. On the banks of the Deschutes river near Laidlaw there are many thousands of tons of red rock that is very easily worked up, and which is fireproof. This rock is used for fireplaces and for bank vaults.

Practically, the building problem in this section has been solved, and it will not be long before Redmond will be known as the city of stone buildings, both in the business and residence districts. Barren wastes of lava rock that for years have been considered valueless will, in the course of time, bring a satisfactory price for building purposes.

Train No. 104 on the Oregon Trunk line was delayed three hours last Friday night on account of a small landslide near Mecca in the canyon.

POULTRY SHOW HERE THIS FALL

Project Is Being Talked Up
Among the Poultry
Raisers.

MANY FINE FOWLS
NOW RAISED HERE

Plan Is to Hold Exhibit At
Time of the Annual
Potato Show.

The poultry raisers of Redmond and vicinity are getting together and agitating the question of holding a poultry exhibit in Redmond in the fall at the same time the Annual Potato Show is held. The movement is meeting with much favor among the poultry men, and the chances are favorable for the exhibit being held on the date stated.

During the past year poultry raising has been engaged in quite extensively in this section, and a fine grade of fowls are being raised. There are a number of ranchers in and around Redmond who have prize-winning full-blooded fowls, and it is thought by holding an exhibit at Redmond and making it an annual event, that more interest would be stimulated in the poultry business, and a better strain of fowls be the result.

The plan of the exhibit is yet in its infancy, but some of the more prominent poultry men are taking hold of the matter, and intend to canvass the situation thoroughly and see what encouragement can be secured to hold the first event the coming fall.

LATE COPY NOT
HANDLED NOW.

While waiting for the completion of the new building, The Spokesman is to move into, and the installation of the cylinder press, linotype, and other material necessary for the printing of the paper here in Redmond, the paper is being printed in Portland. Consequently, all copy for the current week has to be sent to Portland not later than Monday night, and much news up to the date of publication has to be omitted for that week, and be published the succeeding week. If our subscribers will be patient and bear with us for awhile, until we get into our new building early in April, this condition will be obviated, and The Spokesman will then be up to the minute with all the news happenings in Redmond and the county.

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