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## CANDIDATES ARE PLENTIFUL

### County Offices Will Not Go Begging

## LIST IS INCREASING

### Western Crook Wants Some Thing and Talks of Forming a Combination in Politics

Political candidates, unafraid of the treachery of Salt river and its depth, continue to bob up. Two weeks or so ago it looked as if the various offices would be on their knees praying for some one to hold them down; now it begins to look as if the offices would emit a few short prayers for a few of the prospective holders-down to get up for awhile and give them a breathing spell. Needless to say the past week has opened a few more political sausages in addition to the long list already published.

Fred Fisher, of Madras, a large property holder there, is the first candidate to circle around the job of county commissioner. He is being supported by the Madras Pioneer and it is said has a large Republican following in the land of wheat and other political aspirants.

Willis W. Brown, of Cross Keys, is being boosted for the sheriff's office on the Republican ticket. He bears the same name as the democratic candidate from that section, which is likely to cause some confusion, but neither think that they will find it necessary to change color owing to the similarity.

J. H. Crooks, who was elected county coroner at the last election, is being mentioned by the Democrats as a candidate who will make short tracks to the sheriff's office. So far, however, his petitions have not been circulated.

Warren Brown has finally consented to have his name used as a candidate for the nomination on the democratic ticket to the office of county clerk. He will keep company with W. F. Hammer and Riley Cook until the primaries when the weather will probably compel two to drop out.

S. E. Hodges has circulated his petitions among the Republicans during the past week for nomination to the office of Sheriff, and while this is the last on the list of county candidates there are other smolderings which in all probability will burst forth inside of the next seven days. Mr. Hodges was deputy sheriff a number of years ago and has a large following among the Republicans who will boost him with all their strength.

Dr. H. P. Belknap has announced himself a candidate for the office of state representative of the second district and has already begun his canvass. Arthur Hodges, whose name was mentioned last week as a possible candidate, has refused to have his name considered.

Out in western Crook county, along the beautiful valley of the Deschutes, are some things doing, too. There is talk of combinations, not trusts or monopolies on salt, or anything like that, but political combinations; combinations to rule and do. There are some large razors being flourished, and secret meetings are scheduled to come off now and then to dress up the combination. In other words, things are framing up for something. Everybody has a guess as to what it is.

## Hotel Work To Be Resumed.

Work will be resumed on the new Prineville Hotel building and the contract upon which contractor Christian forfeited his bond several weeks ago will be carried out in full. It is expected that masons will be at work finishing the structure inside of two weeks. John Macgregor a representative of the Fidelity Guarantee & Trust Company, spent several days in the city during the past week and satisfactory arrangements were made whereby the Trust company will carry out the conditions of the contract and the terms of the bond given by the company when contractor Christian forfeited the work.

Mr. Macgregor stated before leaving Monday noon that it was probable that another contractor would be sent here from Pendleton to finish the work, or that they might decide upon a local contractor. At any rate, he said, the Trust company would complete the building as rapidly as possible and a full force of masons would be at work inside of a fortnight.

## Blows Off Top of His Head.

Sitting on the edge of his bed, the butt of a 44 caliber rifle braced between his feet, the muzzle resting against his forehead, a hired man in the employ of Wm Johnson, who owns a ranch near Silver Lake, shot and killed himself last Thursday. The bullet tore off the top of the man's head and when his body was found a few hours afterwards blood from the wound had soaked the bed clothing. The brains of the dead man had been scattered on the four walls of the room.

The hired man, whose name could not be learned, had been employed on the Johnson ranch for several months and went to Silver Lake from Prineville where he had remained several days. Last Thursday while at work with his employer in the field he complained of not feeling well and went to the house. When he did not return after several hours had passed, Mr. Johnson suspicions were aroused and he went to the house where he found the dead body of his employe lying across the bed. It is believed that the man became despondent over his physical ailments and took his life while temporarily deranged. No other reason has been assigned for his self destruction.

## HOT AIR FROM WELL

### Current of Heated Atmosphere Pours Out of Shaft at Madras.

Madras has a peculiar kind of well. Instead of spouting out water, as might be expected of any respectable well, this well is sending forth a current of hot air, not the kind used in slangy speech, either, but real heated atmosphere which has an odor similar to that of tar.

The well is being drilled by Frank Loveland on the Madras townsite and has attained a depth of 125 feet. Several different strata of rock were pierced during the course of the work and last week, when it was expected that water would be struck at any moment, this well turned traitor and one strike of the drill brought forth a hissing current of air from the shaft. Examination proved that the air current was hot and its fragrance similar to that of the street work of an asphalt pavement company.

Theories are numerous in attempting to account for the strange phenomenon. An underground pressure of some kind is probably the cause of the escaping air current. Madras is not far removed from the center of the so called oil district in that section where excellent oil indications have been found and where drilling for petroleum will be resumed in a short time. This peculiar well at Madras coupled with the fact that the Barnett oil well at Culver gave forth a current of gas soon after the petroleum indications were struck last year, would indicate the right kind of pressure to cause a gusher if oil is ever found in that vicinity in quantity, which is the expectation of many interested residents in that community.

## NEW CONTROL OF MAYFLOWER

### Kansas City Capitalists Will Develop Mine

## BONDED FOR \$100,000

### Five Stamp Mill and Cyanide Plant Will Be Built on Ocho Property This Year

Extensive improvements and development work are planned for the Mayflower mine, 30 miles up the Ocho, which was bonded recently for \$100,000 by Kansas City capitalists and which is now under the active management of B. Gatewood. The latter is now personally superintending the construction work which is under way at the present time.

Contracts for 50,000 feet of lumber were let last week to Hawkins Bros. Lumber Company to be used in building the mill where a five stamp machine will be installed as soon as the new building is ready. Workmen are now blasting for the foundation and an additional force of men was taken from here Monday morning to assist in the work planned by the company.

Mr. Gatewood stated the last of the week that a cyanide plant had been purchased and would be ready for use as soon as the mill could begin operations. The company is also making tests of the ore from the tunnels and the result of these tests will determine whether a roaster is to be added to the equipment. The company now has ten men employed on the property and this number will be gradually increased until the full quota is at work. Mr. Gatewood is very sanguine in his opinions of the property which he and his associates have acquired and says that he is satisfied it is one of the best mining properties in the state. He has visited all the gold fields in both Eastern and Western Oregon during the past year and made a close inspection of those which have been on the market. Crook county's mineral strata, however, has proved the most attractive. The company in addition to the mining property which it bought has purchased the general mercantile business of B. F. Ahalt at Howard which is now known as the Gatewood Mining & Trading Company.

The property of which the company is now in control was formerly owned by Lewis McCallister and later by Thron Thronson and the latter's associates who reside in Dayton, Wash. The property is an old one, mining having been carried on in the vicinity for the past 30 years, but only during recent times has any extensive development work been carried on. There are now 3000 feet of tunnel, nine miles of ditches and two reservoirs used in the placer diggings. About \$75,000 has been spent in development.

The Gatewood company will tap the main vein about 400 feet down from the surface. The ledge at present running from two to six feet in width carrying ore averaging \$4 per ton. Mr. Gatewood stated Monday that the ore dumps contained approximately 10,000 tons of gold quartz which would average \$7 per ton. He estimates that there are 2000 tons of ore in sight which will average as high as \$40 per ton. Tunnel work will be resumed as soon as the mill nears completion and the rest of the plant is placed in readiness to handle the ore.

The Gatewood company bonded the property for \$100,000 on a six year contract, the amount of the bond to be paid in 12 equal payments with the proviso attached that if the entire amount is paid within 16 months the property is to be transferred into the Gatewood company's possession for the total of \$50,000.

## FIGHT OVER LINE

### O. R. & N. and Great Southern Both After Deschutes Canyon.

A merry war to gain control of the canyon of the Deschutes river from the point where it enters the Columbia a few miles east of The Dalles to the interior part of the state is being waged between the Harriman interests and the controllers of the Great Southern railroad. Whether it is a bluff on the part of Harriman interests to discourage the latter road from tapping Central Oregon or whether the former intends to use the surveys now being made is a question that lacks a satisfactory answer. Ex-Mayor F. A. Seufert, of The Dalles, gives this view of the situation:

"The Great Southern road runs south from The Dalles to Dufur, 30 miles. A few miles east of it is the Columbia Southern road, owned by Harriman, which runs south from Biggs to Shaniko, about 70 miles. Last fall the Great Southern began survey work upon an extension of its road from Dufur to Bend, and from there on south indefinitely.

"This is not to the liking of Harriman, and this week he put a surveying party into the field to find a good route from the O. R. & N. at a point from Deschutes station south to Bend. The Southern can't build to Bend because it is too high up in the air at Shaniko.

"Whether he really means to build his new road faster than the Great Southern can and shut it out of Bend, or whether he is only bluffing, to make the smaller road think he is sincere and discourage it from extending its line from Dufur to Bend, remains to be seen.

## LOST ON THE DESERT

### Party of Three Roam Aimlessly About for Six Days in Snow.

A man and woman and three-year-old child were lost on the desert in the deep snow between Pine mountain and Silver Lake last week and roamed about the country for six days before finding their destination, reaching it in an impoverished condition after suffering from hunger and cold and tedious struggle with the drifts of snow.

Mrs. A. L. Lang and her child and George Ware, who claim their residence in Boston, left the Pine mountain country for Silver Lake and were directed to take the road leading due south. A few miles out the highway was obliterated by the heavy snow and the party soon lost trace of it. Finally, after wandering aimlessly about for a day they reached a point where it was next to impossible for the horses to pull the light spring wagon through the drifts. The team was unhitched then and the journey continued on horseback. Five days the travel was continued, the horses, weak from hunger, lying down many times during the day to rest. At night the man was compelled to remain awake and keep the fire burning to prevent death from freezing, and the last day of the trip the food supply gave out. Probably another 24 hours of exposure and suffering would have brought death to the entire party.

Silver Lake was a welcome sight to the wanderers and the best of care was taken of the belated people when they reached the town. Byron Cady, who came over from there Monday, stated that all of them had recovered from their awful experience and would start back east again in a few days.

Mr. Ware was on his way to the Silver Lake country to examine some school land he owns there, and Mrs. Lang went to the valley to file on a homestead.

## Professional Cards.

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