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WORK TO BEGIN BY MAY FIRST

On Oregon Trunk from Madras South

WILL TAP A RICH COUNTRY

Every Man Available Will Be Put on Work—Halt at Klamath Reservation

Work on the grading of the Oregon Trunk Line from Madras to the northern line of the Klamath Indian reservation is to commence by May 1.

It is asserted at the offices of the company in Portland that bids have been asked for the grading of the road for the distance named, the bids to be filed not later than April 18.

The terms of the contract will call for the commencement of work within ten days after the contract is awarded and for completion of the grading by January 1, 1911.

In the contract to be awarded there will be approximately 111 miles of grade and all of the work but the bridge and track-laying

will be included. The bridge material will be ordered, however, and contracts let for the larger structures so that the track-laying can follow completion of grading.

Three Towns Picked.

The extension of the Oregon Trunk Line, thus assured, will pass through the towns of Redmond, Bend, Rosland and Odell.

To those familiar with the country to be traversed the letting of the contract is taken to mean that another contract will soon be let for construction of the road across the Indian reservation to Klamath Falls, or as soon as the right of way is approved by the Interior Bureau and granted by the Interior Department. From Odell south the road will pass through a country partly grown up to "jack pine" and other more or less rocky and barren soil until the reservation is reached.

The building to the reservation does not carry the road to a desirable terminus, therefore it is taken to mean that the location of the line southward from the northern boundary of the reservation has been determined definitely and that construction work awaits only the formality of securing right of way.

Rich Country Tapped.

From Madras to Odell the road will tap some of the best of Central Oregon, including Opal Prairie, the Juniper Butte lands, the Red-

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RAILROAD DANCE AT MADRAS

The Oregon Trunk Boys Give Swell Time

HALL BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED

Dancers from Many Localities Attend and Enjoy Themselves to the Limit.

Messrs. Porter & Clarkson, railroad contractors for the Oregon Trunk and the engineer in charge of that work in the vicinity of Madras, gave a ball at Sanford's Hall in Madras last Friday evening which was one of the most enjoyable and successful affairs of the kind ever held in Central Oregon, and it would be hard for anyone to believe that any company anywhere at any time ever had a more thorough good time than those who were present.

No trouble or expense was spared in the effort made by the Oregon Trunk boys to give their friends a swell time, and they certainly succeeded. Teams belonging to the railroad outfit were sent to the fir woods above Grizzly and brought in load after load of fir boughs which were used in transforming the dance hall into an evergreen bower. The ceiling and side walls of the hall were a perfect mat of the fragrant fir, while suspended from overhead were half a hundred or more Japanese lanterns.

Morgan's Prineville orchestra of five piece was engaged to furnish the music and the home people who at-

tended say that never before did this organization play so well. The Madras people were delighted with their efforts.

The hall was filled to overflowing and it is seldom that as fine looking a company is seen in any hall room. The Madras girls were always charming and the new arrivals there are just as much so. And the railroad boys, too, are a fine looking, well behaved lot of young gentlemen. Members of the committee met their guests at the door, programs were distributed and wraps, coats and hats were checked away for safe keeping.

In the corners of the hall pretty little misses served punch—the real stuff, too. Someone said there was \$80 worth of champagne in that punch.

And dance—you never saw the like. There were 30 numbers on the program and every number had to be repeated, and even then when the music stopped they kept on dancing. And there were five extra dances beside the twenty. When the dancing ceased there was the busy hum of voices, new acquaintances were made and everyone had the time of their lives.

And don't forget either that everything was free—the dance was on the railroad boys. The cost of the ball must have been in the neighborhood of \$350 besides several days of hard planning and work on the part of the committee, which was composed of Lyman Griswold, Win. Osborn, Scott E. Gordon, J. R. Burkey, W. J. Porter and W. F. Anderson.

Many of the young people of the Colver and Lamonta districts were in attendance beside four auto loads from Prineville. In Sammy Newson's car were Misses Daisy McCallister and Stella Young and Stanley Morris and Sammy Cobble. Stroud carried Mrs. I. M. Mills, Miss Madge Mills, Mrs. Vera Cyrus, Tallie Holwood and Henry Thoru. Mark Forest took over W. Frank Pettit, Widd Barnes, Al. Eklison and Jack Chambers. John Collins drove Cornett's big car with Miss Dolly Hodges and the members of the orchestra, L. C. Morgan, John R. Luckey, Claude E. Smith, J. Warren Crooks and C. A. Riddle.



HERD OF THOROUGHBRED HEREFORDS.

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COLONIZE THE ROAD LANDS

To Be Put On Market At Once

SELL TRACTS OF ANY SIZE

Land Offices to Be Opened in Many Towns Located Along Line of the Grant.

According to C. E. S. Wood, W. P. Davidson and John E. Buchard, the Minnesota capitalists, have definitely decided to recommend to their associates that the land property of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company be purchased, says the Oregonian.

It was officially given out that if the sale of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road Company land grant goes through, active operations may be expected in 30 days. To accomplish this the land will be sold, it was said, in tracts of any size, so any purchaser may obtain just the kind and amount of land he wants.

The final details of the scheme have yet to be worked out but it is said land offices will be opened at Ontario, Burns, Vale, Prineville, Foster, Sweet Home, Albany, Riley and Sisters, all of which towns are situated on the land involved. The centers of operation will be Portland, St. Paul, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Winnipeg and Chicago.

Colonization Is Expected.

It is believed that the advertising necessary to sell such an immense

tract as the wagon-road grant, followed by the promised Hill publicity campaign, will result in the colonization of an enormous stretch of country in a brief time.

W. P. Burchard and John E. Davidson represent in Portland their own interests and those of Joseph Wood, unable to be here through illness, and O. A. Robertson detailed in California. Messrs. Burchard and Davidson have full authority to make the inspection on behalf of their friends, who rely entirely on their judgment.

Both gentlemen expressed themselves as thoroughly pleased with the grant and with Central Oregon. They believe in the future of the country, particularly under the influence of the railroad now under construction to that section.

Before the lands can be put on the market they will have to be carefully selected, surveyed and graded. While the wagon road grant naturally comprised the finest sections in the district which the road traversed, there is considerable diversity in its quality. A large area is timbered, there is a tremendous acreage of wheat land and much is suitable for grazing.

There is irrigable land in the Malheur, Crook and Deschutes valleys, natural cereal land in the rolling country of Silver Creek and an acreage for wheat which is thought to be able to produce more than is at present the output of Oregon and Washington. Four billion of feet of timber is believed to be comprised in the timber lands.

That there was any litigation pending between the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road Company and settlers was denied by C. E. S. Wood, who at the same time wished to correct the impression that the land grant is upon condition that sales be made to bona-

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ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD

Wilford Belknap Wins First Place

ALPHA TAKES SOCIETY HONORS

Contestants All Make Splendid Efforts—Musical Numbers Were Excellent.

The oratorical contest held last Friday evening was one of the closest contests of the year, as each contestant deserves special mention for the excellent showing made for his society. The judges, Prof. Myers, Rev. Radford and Mr. C. M. Elkins, awarded first place to Wilford Belknap, of the Ochoocoonian society, whose oration on "Moral Courage" was one of unusual interest. Roy Lowther of the Alpha society was given second place and his subject "Joan of Arc," was worked out with care and accuracy; the third place was assigned Miss Louise Summers, whose oration, "To Be, or Not To Be," showed deep thought, combined with special skill in presenting the subject in a logical and interesting manner. Each of the remaining three deserves mention, but there was a limitation on the places and only three were to be selected. While the Ochoocoonians won first place and their contestant, Wilford Belknap, will represent the high school in the inter-high school contest at Ontario, the Alpha society won the contest, hence the honors are distributed between the two societies.

The musical as well as the literary numbers was of special excellence as each was a rare treat in itself. The solos by Miss Celia Nelms and Mrs. C. M. Elkins showed each to be an artist and was enjoyed by all as was the vocal duet by Miss Gertrude Hodges and Ran-

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Latest Spring Millinery



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