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## RAILROAD FOREMAN KILLED

### Shot Near Madras Saturday Morning.

### MURDERER NOW IN JAIL

### He is an Austrian Who Has Been in This Country But a Few Months

A railway construction boss was murdered by one of his workmen on the Oregon Trunk line Saturday morning at 1 a. m., at a point about ten miles west of Madras. Dan Karough, an Austrian, who has been in America less than four months, is held in the county jail here charged with the crime.

Karough was discharged at the close of work on Friday. He had worked five weeks at the Porter and Connolly camp. After his discharge he went to Madras and got a quantity of whiskey and told an employment agent there that he had been fired and would get revenge. Toward midnight he was back at the camp and left there a little later. His former employer was directing a night force of men in a cut some forty feet deep a

short distance from the camp. About 1 a. m. a flash and sharp report of a gun from the top of the cut broke the stillness of the night and the workmen found that their boss had been shot in the left side of the head. Death followed instantly.

A runner started at once to the camp and a physician was called. The physician, timekeeper and a deputy sheriff left Madras at once in an auto and at 2 a. m. while yet five or six miles from the scene of the trouble, Dan Karough was met in the road and immediately recognized by the timekeeper. The car was stopped but Karough had left the road and gone into the wheat fields and could not be found. His track was taken at this point the following morning and at 7 o'clock Sunday evening he was discovered lying in a wheat field some four miles south of Madras.

The news of Karough's capture spread rapidly and three camps, with a total of some 200 men, turned out to lynch the murderer. It was with great difficulty that the prisoner was kept from the mob until Sheriff Elkins arrived. They went to the jail in force but the prisoner had been sprinted away a few minutes before and was in hiding in a vacant building a short distance away. The angered men were told by the interpreter that the sheriff had already departed with the prisoner and they slowly went back to their camps.

When questioned Karough says that he is 45 years of age but cannot remember anything about the trouble.

The railroad boss was an Austrian and was well liked by the men under him.

## FINE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

### The Building to Cost \$10,000.

### WILL COMMENCE RIGHT AWAY

### Native Stone Will Be Used Throughout the Structure.

The First Baptist Church Association will begin the erection of a \$10,000 stone building on their ground corner of B. and Second streets as soon as the contractors arrive.

The work has been awarded to Douglas & Phillips, who had the sub-contract for the stonework on the courthouse, and will be done at so much per foot, the exact price being regulated by the way the building measures after it is completed.

The ground floor plan of the building will be in the shape of a cross, and will consist of a main building 36x46 feet with a wing 24x24 and another 12x24 feet. The interior will be so arranged that a gallery can be added when

necessary. The floor arrangement will be after the approved modern plan of sloping to the pulpit.

The church will be one story and basement and will be built of red stone. It is the plan at present to dig to hardpan, which will be about eighteen inches, and lay the foundation which will place the basement almost above ground. There will be a public reading room and the Sunday School rooms in it. It will have an eight-foot ceiling and will be roomy, well ventilated and lighted.

The building will cover a part of the ground now occupied by the parsonage. Excavation will commence as soon as the parsonage can be moved which work will be commenced by Contractor McLaughlin Monday next. The parsonage will be moved north toward the Nye property.

Furnace heating will be used and the ventilation will be after approved modern methods.

As yet no date can be set for the completion of the structure, but work will be rushed as rapidly as possible while good weather continues. It is needless to say that the Baptist Church when completed will be the finest building of its kind in Central Oregon. Its erection shows the solid financial condition of the church and community in general.

**Bids Wanted.**  
Bids wanted for 60 cords of Juniper, 16 inch or 4 feet. Address M. R. Elbert, Clerk School District No. 1, Prineville, Oregon. 7-21

## "POVERTY FLAT" A MISNOMER

### Most Productive Part of County.

### GOVERNMENT LAND TAKEN UP

### A Few Years Ago Converted Into Productive Farms—Get One.

The territory lying immediately north of Prineville for a distance of ten miles or more, commonly called Poverty Flat, a few years ago, is one of the most productive sections of Central Oregon.

There has always been good crops produced on the low lands, called the river bottom, but for years the matter of from twenty to fifty feet elevation between the river bottoms and the bench lands was supposed to mark the difference between land that is as good as the world can boast, and land was worthless. Indeed less than a mile from the city limits there is land that has been allowed to "go back" to sagebrush for the reason that it was considered unfit for the production of a profitable crop. Talking to a man who owns many acres of both kinds, the fact became apparent that he considered there was but little difference in the value of "bench" and bottom lands, conditions being equal. The uplands drain better than the river bottoms.

The Roy Stuart place, four miles north of Prineville, is producing as good a crop as could be wished for this year, and without irrigation. Jeff Evans who owns a large tract of land on the slope of Grizzly butte will harvest a good crop of potatoes, and gets almost two tons of wheat hay per acre every year. The best results are obtained, of course, by the dry farming methods and it is by this plan that the uplands will really come into their own and rival the lower or irrigated land in the matter of production.

One of the most remarkable cases of dry land development is the homestead of C. J. Sundquist, which is situated eight miles northwest of Prineville. Mr. Sundquist came here three years ago from Minnesota with nothing but a large family and the proverbial thrift of his nationality.

He filed on 160 acres of government land that today has the appearance of one of the best cultivated farms in the county.

A Journal reporter visited this dry ranch Saturday and this is what he saw: Two acres of the new grain spelt, sown the first week in May. The heads were well filled on July 16; eight acres of corn, planted May 9 and was setting on ears same date as above; fourteen acres of potatoes planted about May 1, looked fine, many of them in bloom; half acre of beans with the most uniform growth of any seen this year; eighteen acres of wheat that will cut about one and a half tons per acre or if thrashed will yield thirty bushels, rye that will average a height of six feet and thick on the ground. In his orchard was found fruit trees looking well, melons, squashes and other tender plants, and a patch of about a half-acre of alfalfa which had been used for pasture that showed a good even stand but needed water to keep it growing.

On the Otto Borreson place a few miles east there is a patch of several acres of alfalfa and Price Coshov has several acres adjoining. This land is irrigated in the springtime from the flood waters and produces one good crop and makes a good pasture. The first crop has been harvested and the fields are a waving green while yet the first crop is being hauled from the field.

All crops in this belt are heavy and well filled. Taken all together the farms in this section

have been cared for a little better than usual and the result is a marked increase in the way of crops.

## Will Commence to Grind Next Monday

The new fifty-horse power steam plant has been placed in position at the Prineville Flouring Mills and will start the machinery to grinding Monday morning after an idleness of several weeks, caused by a shortage of water power.

The engine is of the latest approved type and the boiler is of the return tube pattern, so constructed that it utilizes the greatest possible amount of heat generated in the furnace.

The steam plant is situated at the east end of the building and the power is transmitted to the drive shaft in the basement of the building by means of belts.

Fuel has been provided from the Jones' sawmill on the Ochoco. Fire risk will be reduced by a fifty foot smokestack with which the furnace is equipped.

The demand for mill products and food stuffs has been heavy during the past few weeks. Prineville flour has been out of the market for several weeks. Madras and White River brands have been the only supply of bread stuff. The price is very high on account of freight rates. A few days' run by the local mills will bring the flour shortage back to normal and the price of mill products will get down to where they belong.

Many sales of flour have been lost by the milling people and local merchants that would have gone to the construction camps near Redmond had the mill been in running order. Mr. Stewart says that the steam power plant will prevent any slacking up in business in the future or at least until the electric supply from the Cove Power Company's plant is available.

## NO LET-UP TO RAILROAD WORK

### Line Will Be Pushed Madras to Bend

### WILL COMMENCE TO LAY RAILS

### From Mouth of Deschutes to Madras Sometime Next Month.

Reports that the contractors who are building the two railroads into Central Oregon have been laying off men and adopting a policy of retrenchment have arisen once more but, as usual, have no foundation. There are more than 7000 men and adequate outfit engaged in the two projects, the Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes Railroad.

The Oregon Trunk has in excess of 4500 men scattered along the course of its line, while the camps of Twoby Bros., builders of the Harriman road, have more than 2500 men making the dirt fly. This quota is declared by local officials to be the normal amount of labor that has been employed since the initial work was undertaken.

It is also stated by the contracting firms that the only drawback they have now to contend with is the stringency in the labor market which prevents them from getting as many men as they desire. The call of the harvest fields has proven too attractive to a great volume of laborers whom the railroad employment agents have been trying to corral. As a matter of fact, the contractors are considerably elated over their success in keeping as many men in their camps as they do. It will be still harder for them to keep their ranks from being depleted as the harvest season progresses.

Arrangements are going forward for getting grading started on the second section of the Oregon Trunk between Madras and Bend. Camps are being scattered along the proposed right of way at frequent intervals, and this stretch of line will be made ready for the rails within a few months.

A rumor brought down to Portland by a man from the interior a few days ago to the effect that Bend would not be on the main line of the Hill road has been vigorously denied at Oregon Trunk headquarters. The story was that the main line would swing to the eastward about five mile south of Bend and the latter town would be hooked up on a jerk-water branch.

"There is no truth whatever in that yarn," said a high official of the Oregon Trunk. "Our main line is going right into Bend; we have secured a fine right of way through the townsite as well as such land as will be needed for depot, terminals, trackage, warehouses, etc. We could not afford to eliminate Bend for a number of reasons—its fine location on the Deschutes, its central location from the standpoint of tapping the enormous timber belt, its accessibility for developing irrigation and agricultural projects and the possibilities of developing vast water-power projects."

The same official stated that the laying of steel for the first 109 miles from the mouth of the Deschutes to Madras would be commenced early in August, and ought to be completed in less than 90 days from that time.—Telegram.

# Summer Rummage Sale

Read these prices that have never been seen here before. To make trade lively all summer in our dry goods department we are putting all summer goods enumerated in this "ad" at extremely radical figures.



## Only a Few Hats Left in Our Millinery Department

All Hats at \$5 to \$7 now ..... \$2.50  
All Hats at \$2.50 to \$4.50 now ..... 1.50  
\$1.50 Sailor Hats now ..... .50  
Every Hat must be sold. Read the prices again and then come and see the goods.

## Ladies' Linen Suits

Ladies' Linen Two-piece Suits ..... \$3.50 and up  
Ladies' Lawn Lingerie Suits ..... 2.50 and up

## Ladies' Shirtwaists

Regular at \$2.50 and \$3.00  
Now only ..... 1.00  
Regular at 3.50 and 4.50  
Now only ..... 2.00



## Duck Oxfords

Ladies' White Duck Oxfords 50c to 1.40  
Children's Duck Oxfords ..... 50c to 1.00  
Boys' White Canvas ..... 75c to 1.00

## Lace Curtains

Regular 1.50 styles now 1.20  
" 2.25 " " 1.65  
" 3.00 " " 2.40  
" 4.00 " " 3.20

## Bath Towels

Heavy Knop Bath Towels  
2 for 25c, 22, 27, 33c  
Boys' and Men's Summer Suits, Etc., all reduced

# The C. W. Elkins Co.

## Died.

"Uncle Jack" Vandervert, one of the pioneers of Oregon and Crook County, passed away at the home of his son, W. P. Vandervert, at Lava, Monday, July 18, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Mr. Vandervert had been failing for a year past and the end was not unexpected. There was no immediate cause for his death, except old age, and physicians could do nothing to prolong the mature life.

Mr. Vandervert was born October 10, 1822. In 1848 he drove an ox team across the plains to the gold-fields in California. He settled in Lane county in 1850 and was married to Miss Grace Clark in 1853. He came to Crook County 26 years ago and settled at Powell Butte, where he spent much of his time until the past few years, when he became too feeble to live alone, his wife having died as result of a bullet wound inflicted by hostile Indians in 1875.

He united with the Methodist church at the age of eighteen years and later joined the Presbyterian, with which organization he retained membership until his death. He was always an influence for good in the community.

The funeral was held at Prineville Wednesday at 9:30 A. M. Three sons survive the deceased, W. P. Vandervert, W. J. Vandervert and Dick Vandervert, all of this county.

## Giving Satisfaction.

Salem, Oregon—No particular complaints are now being received from the settlers on the Deschutes project, according to Attorney General Crawford, who has just returned from a trip through Eastern Oregon on official business, and the section is settling rapidly.

"If sufficient money could be secured to complete the project it would make a community of which the state might be proud," he said. "There are now 40,000 acres for settlement and there should be 60,000 more. Railroad building is progressing and the country is showing remarkable signs of new life."

## For Sale.

Both alfalfa and grain hay for sale at the J. O. Powell place, near town, to feed beef cattle that are being driven to market. Phone Stroud & Cross, either 'phone, or call at the ranch. 7-14-10

## For Sale.

7-Passenger Touring car, Stevens Duray, (Big Six) six cylinder, in good condition.  
Also for sale, 7-Passenger Touring car (Thomas Flyer) in good condition. Will sell for cash or trade for land.  
BETTS AUTO CO.,  
The Dalles, Oregon. 6-16