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TILLMAN REUTER'S LITTLE FARM

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crosses the Hill road. But the Harriman bridge is about 250 feet above the other road. Here the roads again diverge, the Hill road going to the southwest and the Harriman road nearly south. They again come together at Culver Junction, about nine miles south of Madras.

In going up the Hill road one is struck with the permanency of the railroad work done and being done. For instance, the entire right-of-way is being fenced, the job to be entirely completed within two weeks clear to Bend. As mentioned before, some 60 odd miles are stone ballasted, and this work is going steadily and rapidly forward. The station and section building are handsome and commodious, all painted a dull yellow, trimmed with black, and one may imagine how beautiful they look when compared with the old, dirty, mineral brown usually used on such structures.

But the railroads could do nothing for the interior of Oregon unless there was something to make them profitable, and to that they must be, after all but subsidiary to the resources of the country. It is true that the interior thus far has had no opportunity to show its merits save in the way of livestock. Nothing raised there could bear the old transportation charges, save wool and hides. The cattle, sheep and horses could be driven out, but the agricultural products had to be limited to the immediate home demand.

To get a full understanding of the situation I went out to the "experimental farm" of Tillman

Reuter, seven or eight miles southeast of Madras. Mr. Reuter's exhibits at the various "congresses" and dry farming displays have attracted great attention, and have been greatly exploited by the railway advertisers and the newspapers of Oregon.

An "experimental farm!" Now, that is a high-sounding name, isn't it? And what would you expect to find at such a place? When I remember the various places I have visited bearing that name I marveled at Reuter's place. I expected to find all the painted sticks, the uniform and well-laid-out rows of plants and that and the other plants and hills and trees and grasses, but here I found far up among the junipers a little mountain farm, with only 35 acres of cleared land—that is the place that has given to the world the wonderful demonstrations of the Deschutes Valley.

Tillman Reuter was born about 45 years ago on the Rhine, in Germany; came to Evansville, Ind.; came thence to Tygh Valley in Wasco county; from there to the Madras country, in 1894.

The good land is all taken!" That was the plaint seven years ago—that is the cry now; always will be. But Tillman Reuter, an humble carpenter, poor, with no experience—only a remembrance of his youth on the Rhine—did not whine and complain. He took the best land he could find vacant, and homesteaded it. It is far up a juniper canyon, perhaps 500 feet above Madras. To many it seemed worthless. It surely was not the best in that country, but rather the poorest. But it was the best Tillman Reuter could do seven years ago, for he was poor—had nothing but a good constitution, an ability to labor

at his trade—that of carpenter—and a will to succeed.

Many times and often people ask me for advice about going to Central Oregon. They want to know of good locations, of good openings, of favorable localities, of some hitherto hidden opportunities. There are none. The people of 30, 20, 10 years ago gobbled the best, just as those going there today gobble up the best—just as you would take the best you could find. But when I write of Mr. Reuter, who was forced to take a homestead far

up at the head of a juniper canyon, on land that was considered worthless—then I beg to say to the new arrivals that there is plenty of land as good as Reuter's—but I ask this question: Are you as good a man as Reuter? Can you undergo the hardships that he underwent? He had an old father and mother, a sister and a brother, back in Indiana, to look after. He had to go out to work wherever he could find a day's work to be done. In time he accumulated money enough to send for them, and they now have 800 acres of land in a solid body. Industry, integrity, frugality and more industry! Have you those qualities? If you have you can go over there and get a homestead—the best now left, perhaps as good or better than Reuter's, and you will succeed.

A little juniper farm, far up in the valley, 500 feet above Madras, 2700 feet above the sea level! There I found Reuter's "experimental farm," there I found Reuter! With 35 acres of cleared land!

Take the one item of corn—who would for a moment think that he could raise 35 bushels of good, hard corn at an altitude of 2700 feet? But he did it. And the vegetables he raised, particularly the potatoes were better than anything he had to compete with.

The day I was there he was planting his Early Rose and Early Ohio potatoes. And you ought to have seen the land prepared for the crop! Like an ash heap! Cultivated and cultivated almost beyond belief. And this cultivation goes on and on until the vines get beyond control. He will this year have in more than 35 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and cereals, running all the way from wheat to lettuce. And everything he has tried has done well, but he considers his greatest achievement in the production of corn and potatoes. He thinks he has grown as good potatoes as were ever produced, and surely it is something to brag about to make the showing he has with corn. It looks quite like a section of Iowa, Kansas or Nebraska to see the cornstalks thrown out of his stables and feed yards.

One does not like to say anything to belittle a country. But the truth ought not hurt any section. It is better to tell the truth to strangers before they come than to let them learn it too late. So let me say that before a man locates in the interior, no matter in what section he should study the water problem—water for domestic purposes.

Take this same Agency Plains section. Many of the land owners are hauling water for over a dozen miles—have been doing so for many years. I must confess that it is not vitally necessary. No doubt wells could be drilled for what it cost them annually for their water. But up to a recent date there has been but one well drilling outfit in that section. Now there are four, and all busy. There will be a wonderful change

in respect to the water supply in the near future.

One other fact to show the progress the country is making since the advent of the railway: Up to 1909 there were only three combined harvesters in that whole section. Last year three more were shipped in, and already orders have been placed for seven for delivery this Summer.—Oregonian.

ANNUAL MEETING COMMERCIAL CLUB

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support the roof. Mechanics have informed me that this can be done quite as cheaply as any other method of ceiling and at the same time making the building much more stable than now. In my judgment the south wall of the hall should be made into a fire escape for at least half of its entire length.

Something is to be said at this meeting on the question of athletic or playgrounds connected with the club. The object is a worthy one and should have attention. No difference could arrive upon that feature of the question. There might be, however, some difference as to which outlay should take precedence. For my part, I have decided opinions as to preference between completion of our hall or completion of the playgrounds in favor of the former. I think the hall should be completed at the earliest possible date. I think the necessity is imminent. Somehow or other, there is something about holding down a chair for three or four hours among the wintry blasts and draughts which permeate our hall over head that falls far short of real comfort. There is a certain lack of dignity connected with sitting through a play, every act of which is punctuated by the reverberation of the chattering teeth of his own wife and daughters, that does not appeal to the average man. Some men are so sensitive in such matters that they will not deliberately lead their families into such a trap any oftener than urgent necessity requires. Out of deference to such people and in order to lend added dignity to our gatherings, to say nothing about the comfort and loss of life involved, the hall should be completed at once. Anyone who has listened attentively to the secretary's report will note that our resources are ample to justify that the work should be done within the next sixty or ninety days. It is with a feeling of keen humiliation on the part of the outgoing directorate, that they have not been sufficiently diligent in the discharge of their plain duty to have completed this much-needed improvement during the past year.

I shall not presume, however, to map out the work of the incoming directorate. They will find work in plenty and they will find a generous public with whom to deal. Not once has the outgoing directorate been denied a most generous financial support, with just enough friendly suggestion to lend spice to the work with not a word of cold, cruel criticism. We have been upheld with an open handed generosity seldom equaled, never excelled in any community, which proves conclusively that Prineville is the right kind of a place in which to settle down and live. For go where you may, you can't beat it.

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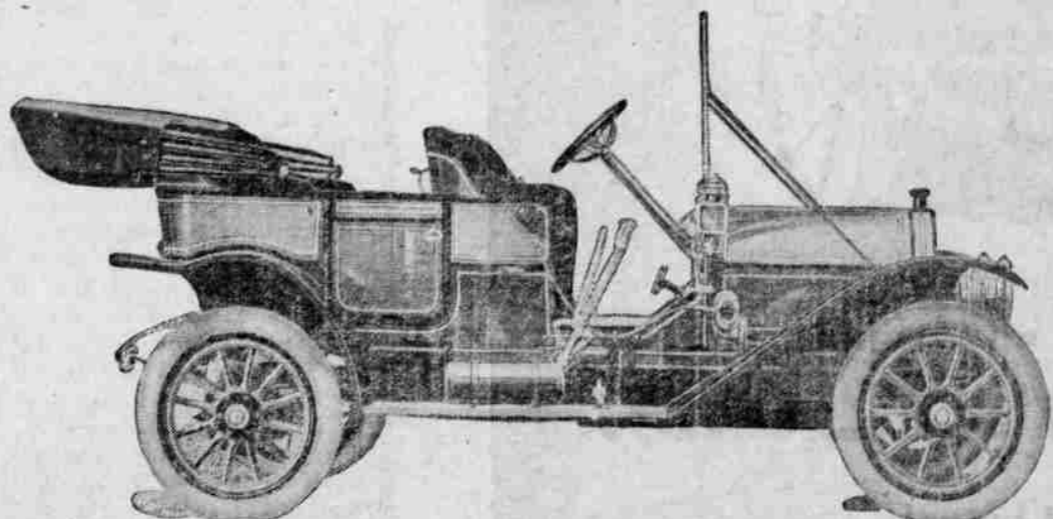
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