

QUICK PROGRESS MADE AT MADRAS

Town Takes Rapid Strides in Two Months and Building Activity Continues.

GATEWAY'S FUTURE SURE

Addison Bennett Declares Crook County Needs More Tillers and Intelligent Ones—Town Well Named, Trade Assured.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

GATEWAY, Crook County, Oregon, June 4.—(Special Correspondent.)—I left Metolius at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning for Madras, which place is only about five miles by wagon road, or four by rail, from Metolius, the direction being a little east of north.

In Madras wonderful changes have taken place since I was there before in March. My first inquiry was about hotel accommodations, for Madras has suffered for a lack of good housing for visitors and citizens. And I was soon taken to the site of the new hotel, where many new buildings are steadily being erected. The new hotel is a fine building of the finest buildings yet undertaken in the interior. This new edifice is 300 feet square, will be built of brick burned in a half mile from the town, with the best sort of pressed brick as the Salling building in Portland. There will be three stories, one of which will be fitted up as a banking house, on the ground floor, in addition to a large lobby, hotel office, dining bar and billiard room, and about 16 guest rooms on the second floor. The construction is by the hands of the Bentley Construction Company, of Portland, and work is being pushed with all possible dispatch.

When I drove down into the city from the Hill depot, past which the Metolius-Madras road leads, the main street of the place was crowded with teams, and the sidewalks were thick with people. There seemed to be an air of bustle and haste on every hand. Looking into the business houses I found them pretty well filled with customers, so it is safe to say that trade conditions are even better than they were two months ago, and the merchants report a broadening of their business connections.

Merchant Is Confident.

One of the best known business men in the town is H. P. Hamner, who conducts a large hardware and general store. I interviewed him about affairs, and he is surely optimistic about the future of Madras. He is president of the Commercial Club, a bona fide "booster" on the job every moment of every day. He can see no show for any town within a striking distance of Madras, and is absolutely sure that his store is in the center of what will be the great city of the interior.

There are lots of new buildings going up and many were finished recently. Some of them are comfortable residences, but the majority are business structures, each all filled with goods. The streets have been improved and a sprinkling service has been inaugurated since my former visit.

Here are the exact altitudes of the towns on the railroad from Metolius to Madras: Madras, 2200; Hillman, 2175; Chilver, 2150; Opal, 2130; Hillman, 2070; Redmond, 2090; Deschutes (Wesley), 2130; and Bend 2120.

These figures are based upon an absolutely correct, being based on the geological survey.

When I left Madras I drove to the north, up the road, and the Hill turned to the west and went out to the Harriman depot, for that road is now giving a good and regular service as far as Madras. From the depot I drove out to the bluffs of Willow Creek Canyon, where the road crosses over the Hill line, the Harriman bridge, or whatever you choose to call the structure, being 220 feet above the Hill rail. It is the completion of this road that is delaying the Harriman road from getting to the terminus at about a mile from the crest of the Hilltop on Agency Plains, the road crosses the Harriman bridge, and runs down two valleys, Mad Springs Canyon and Porter Springs Canyon, to the north-eastern boundary of Agency Plains, where is the little town of Gateway, my present stopping place.

Gateway Not Mapped Yet.

Gateway is located on section 28, township 9 south, range 14 east. You will not find it on the map, but if you look in that township and range you will see Young set down. This is the nearest postoffice, and is about one and one-half miles northeast from the present town. But this office will undoubtedly soon be changed in name and location, for petitions are now out to bring it here.

Fuel Hard to Get.

The drive from Madras here across the Agency Plains country is not a very inspiring trip. There are too many vacant houses, too much water loading, too many evidences of the struggle for fuel. The land is good. It will produce splendid crops of grain every alternate year—if farmed properly. But it is true that many of the farmers sadly neglect their places. Improper cultivation, both before and after seeding, and the sowing of too much wheat—these are the undoing of many a wheat raiser on Agency Plains, as elsewhere.

The average Crook County wheat-raiser has no weeds to contend with—until he sows the weed seeds with his grain. Such a proceeding is almost suicidal—should be criminal, for the offender not only ruins his own fields, but the fields of his neighbors, of the entire community. Where the farmer is "on to his job" you can see fields in summer fallow as clean from weeds as a parlor floor. Just what that means ask many of the Walla Walla, Umatilla and Gilliam County wheat-growers. And yet I can take you to field after field as places near these weed-free fields where the wheat is even now being choked by Chinese lettuce, and very many fields will have more Jim Hill mustard than wheat, and at least two-thirds of the wheat placed on the market this fall will have enough rye mixed in it to knock from 1 to 5 cents from the price.

Wiser Farmers Needed.

Crook County, the entire interior, but only needs more tillers of the soil, but better, more careful and more intelligent men to do the work. There are some farmers who are of the very best. Many fields in these interior counties are as fine as can be found in the entire country. If the others, the know-nothings and do-less ones, would but emulate the example of these real true agriculturists, it would make a difference of millions of dollars to the wheat-growers of the interior during the next decade or so—with future benefits almost beyond estimation.

Winding down the hill to the north-

east of Agency Plains, to what might well be called the water supply station for the Plain district, is the little town of Gateway, on the Harriman Road. The railroad, as said, winds along to the east of the Plains, and finally crosses at the south.

It is eight miles from Gateway to South Junction, where the road leaves the Deschutes Canyon, and this is the first good location for a townsite—and this is in many ways well adapted to the purpose, for, as the name suggests, it is a real gateway, both from the north and south and east and west. Much of the Mud Springs and Porter Springs country is under cultivation, some of it under irrigation, and to the east a few miles lies the great Hay Creek country, with this as the natural outlet to all of the north end. As a shipping point for sheep and cattle about right for the Plains country slopes to the north, and the plunge down the hills into Gateway must be over 400 feet, and the Madras altitude is 2100.

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GIRL ATHLETES, WHO WON ALL GAMES, CLAIM EASTERN OREGON CHAMPIONSHIP.



LA GRANDE BASKETBALL TEAM (LEFT TO RIGHT)—RUTH COTNER, GUARD; CALISTA LOVE, FORWARD; ANNA TOP, CENTER; LIVE MASSEE, FORWARD; RENA BACON, GUARD.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—La Grande's High School found well in basketball this year, especially as far as co-ed circles are concerned. The school lays claim to the championship of Eastern Oregon. The team defeated all the county teams. The Pendleton girls' team forfeited its right by not consenting to play La Grande. This is the first time in many years that La Grande has been on the top rung with their girls' basketball team. Professor Carruth, of the local school, coached the team.

depths of 12 to 40 feet. Getting water with such ease, the entire little valley, perhaps 1000 acres, ought to be under irrigation and in vegetables for the interior markets, and the thousands of acres of benches and valleys east are said to be very fine lands.

Frank Walt, of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company, first called my attention to the place, and established a road for his company, and it is being well. C. A. Kaeppler is a general store, Albert Lewis being in charge.

There is a new hotel just finished, which will be open Monday next. The hotel is in a new store building, with the rear partitioned off into beds, and Mrs. Eugene Nelson are keeping this place, and they are giving good accommodations, as I can testify. They also have a very large roomy house, and a fine homestead down east of Opal, about two miles above Trail Crossing, and he is going there next week. There is also a very large depot, they also have a very large roomy house, and a fine homestead down east of Opal, about two miles above Trail Crossing, and he is going there next week. There is also a very large depot, they also have a very large roomy house, and a fine homestead down east of Opal, about two miles above Trail Crossing, and he is going there next week.

Town's Outlook Bright.

As a strategic location the town of Gateway has a claim on its territory. There is a road which would have to dive through the Gateway streets to Madras, 14 miles away, two miles of it up a rather severe grade on the hillsides, no one to see a mighty fine little town and good business place built up here in the very near future.

The land on which the town is located was taken up seven or eight years ago by a printer man, S. D. Percival. He is pretty well known in the interior, and is a good and reliable workman. He has latterly been in charge of the mechanical department of the Madras Pioneer, but has just gone to farm in real earnest. Mr. Percival sold 40 acres to George Northrup & Company, of Portland, who platted the town, and are the real promoters of the place. They ought to do well with it, for surely Gateway has more reasons for being on the map than many more pretentious places.

From here I go to Ashwood, in the mining district, about 18 miles to the east. One of the railroad rumors is that a branch will be built into that district by the Harriman people. If so, the route will more than likely be from Gateway. Such a road would pass through some very rich country, and from the mining possibilities.

TILLAMOOK SELLECTS QUEEN TO RIDE ON THRONE OF FESTIVAL FLOAT.



Miss Olive Case.

TILLAMOOK, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Miss Olive Case has been elected queen to occupy the throne on Tillamook County's float in the Rose Festival at Portland. Miss Jennie Woolley was Miss Case's opponent, and the contest was spirited.

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CARNIVAL SPIRIT RULES

Mayor to Make Formal Surrender of Great Key at Noon—Every Passenger at Railway Stations to Receive Roses.

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will be escorted on Fifth to Salmon; meet on Salmon to Seventh; north on Seventh to Washington, where he will be ushered into the royal suite of the Imperial Hotel.

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Umatilla Survey Complete.
HERMISTON, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—The topographical survey of the proposed west extension of the Umatilla project has been completed. Forty men, who have been at work on the surveys for the past several weeks under the direction of R. H. Hawley, completed their labors Friday, broke camp and are now in this city. Everything is in readiness for the expected orders to proceed with the construction of the dam and ditches.

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