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THURSDAY.....DECEMBER 15, 1904

**AGENCY PLAIN CULLINGS.**

We had a nice little rain on this end of the Plain Saturday.  
 H. J. Branstetter made a business trip to Shaniko Tuesday.

Alfred Parkey and Charles Dillon were hauling lumber from Derham's mill last week for Mr. Dillon.

John Dillon and Claude Ramsey appear to be chuck full of music, but where oh where are are their instruments?

Robert Gard made a business trip to Shaniko Thursday.

Joseph Arney was butchering hogs Friday and tempted our appetite with a choice spare rib.

Our school is full to overflowing this winter, there being now 45 or 50 scholars attending. The school is very much in need of more seats and desks. Andrew Larsen is wielding the rod to perfection.

Joseph Arney and his drill is kept quite busy these days seeding for his neighbors.

T. M. Burden, one of our most energetic farmers, has succeeded in getting out quite a crop of winter grain. He hustles early and late.

Mrs. W. H. Ramsey and Mrs. Joseph Arney are very jubilant over the arrival of their large steers.

Chester Gard has returned to his homestead and purchased a new cook stove to go in his new house, and we surmise he will not be content until he gets another piece of furniture that is competent to test the cooking qualities of the aforesaid stove.

Claude Ramsey made what he called a business trip to Antelope Sunday, but we incline to the opinion that the business transacted was exclusively with the feminine gender.

W. J. Branstetter is doing more, in our judgment, to develop the good morals of the rising generation on the Plain than anyone else we can call to mind. He organized a Sunday school at his father's house in the early settlement of the Plain, and with the assistance of others has kept it alive and interesting until the present time. We do not say he has done it alone, but he has been the prime mover in the cause, and should have the encouragement of all good citizens.

Mandy.  
 Glad to hear from you, Mandy; write us more often if you can.—Ed.

**METHODIST HILL JOTTINGS.**

Chris Harry, who has been working at Dee's mill during the summer, is now living on his homestead.

The Arensmeier brothers are digging potatoes this week.

R. Dombrowe and T. Hartnagel hauled Mr. Rieger's furniture out from Shaniko.

The Madras German Thrashing Machine Company, who purchased a new Case machine last summer, are now at work building a large shed for the machine on Joe Marnach's place.

O. C. Hale is baling a hundred tons of hay, which he will haul to Bend this winter.

The German Methodist Church is to have a coat of rustic lumber next month, and a spire is also to be added to the front end.

Frank A. Smith is plowing on a large tract of raw land this week.

C. Strasser is building a large barn 20x60 feet.

Emil Zemke has bought a four-horse team and commenced farming his homestead, which is situated on the north end of Methodist Hill.

Someone has asked: "Where is Methodist Hill?" To such inquirers we would say: It is situated seven miles southwest of Madras, at the southern base of Round Butte. It has been styled "Methodist Hill" by the German people, who have a church of that denomination situated at its most scenic point. Moses.

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W. H. Bishop, Agency clerk at Warm Spring, made us a pleasant visit last week. He was agreeably surprised at the progress Madras has made in the last few months.

**WILL CROOK COUNTY HAVE AN EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR?**

In order that the people may meet and decide as to, whether they desire to have the resources of Crook county exhibited at the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1905, I hereby call a meeting of the people of this county, to meet at the court house in Prineville, Ore., December 24, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. I would suggest that each precinct hold a meeting and send as many representatives to this meeting as possible, and also select a man in each precinct to receive and collect exhibits and recommend their name to the meeting here December 24th, 1904. Hoping that the people of this county will take an active interest in this matter, I remain,  
 W. A. Bell,  
 Judge Crook County.

Last week The Pioneer, through its columns, asked the question that is also asked in the above. We sincerely hope that our people will promptly respond and that a rousing meeting may be had, during which Crook county will decide to be represented at the fair. We are a county second to none now. A year from now a mighty change will be seen, a change that will easily place Crook county in the lead, hence the reason for representation at the fair.

**THE NEW ROADS.**

Prineville, Ore., Dec. 7, 1904.  
 Richard Baird, Madras, Ore.:  
 Dear Sir:—In answer to yours of the 3d inst., regarding the opening of new roads, will say that there is no trouble that I know. The Road Supervisors have their orders to see that the petitioners open up the roads petitioned for. The Road Supervisor of Cross Keys district is probably not doing anything for the reason that nearly all the petitioners live in Kutecher precinct, and he has no one of the petitioners to open his end of the new roads. If this is the case the petitioners should spread themselves out over the road irrespective of the districts and then the matter will proceed with better results. But I have heard of no complaint and I presume that the petitioners had been doing their part. Hoping that the matter will be attended to, I remain, yours truly,  
 W. A. Bell.

The above was received by Mr. Baird in answer to a letter asking why no work had been done on the grade at the north end of the roads mentioned. This grade—near Sage Brush Springs—is the most important of the two and should have been opened first. However, it is not too late yet, and we would suggest that the settlers of the north end get together and commence work immediately on the grade. See the Supervisor of Cross Keys and see to it that the work is pushed right along. We are sure Judge Bell will do his part.

G. L. Paxton was a welcome visitor at The Pioneer office a few days ago.

**FROM WARM SPRING.**

Dear Editor: As my father, Tecumseh's Ghost, and also brother, Tecumseh, Jr., have quit writing to your paper, why not me try and write a few lines.

I hear Frank Rodman give big tance over there at Madras about Xmas. Some boys may be come over tance Injun like dance. We have big time at Agency Christmas maybe.

We have a fine brass band here now, with Peter Kalama as instructor. Mr. Kalama says he is getting along fine with band, and we like to hear some good music about Xmas.

Our blacksmith is back in the shop once more. He has been laid up for three weeks with a sick arm.

Us Injuns like to see Madras grow big town. Then we go over trade with store men.

What is the matter—no more baseball at Madras? We play you next summer.  
 Injun.

A. S. Phillips has just completed a 4-room addition to his house near this city.

Archie Mason has just returned from a trip to Shaniko, where he met his wife, who accompanied him back to Madras, arriving here Wednesday noon. Mrs. Mason is well pleased with the country.

Rev. Homer Pontius, of Culver, begs to announce that he will commence his singing school in the school house in this city Monday evening at 7 o'clock. All scholars and others who are interested are requested to attend at that time.

We are in receipt of the Hood River Glacier, and must confess that we are agreeably surprised at its splendid make-up and appearance in general. It is an indication that Hood River is an energetic, wideawake town, and speaks volumes for its more than wideawake editor.



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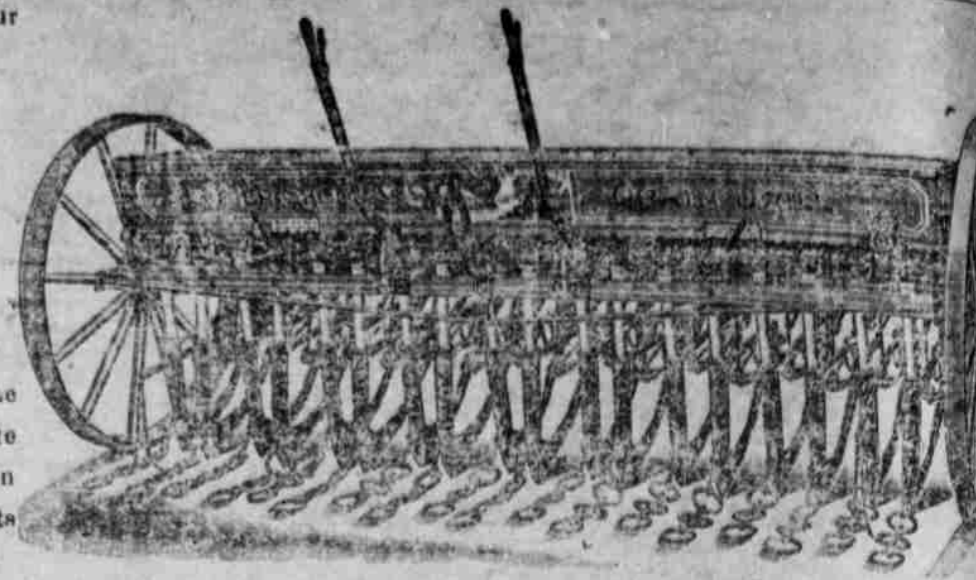
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