

HAPPENINGS AT MADRAS

A Chronicle of Improvements--The Moving Throng--Business and Social Events--Items Condensed.

The contest of Ida McDaniel against the Robert Carland homestead was settled at Prineville on Saturday by the Defendant relinquishing his claim.

George Poindexter, who has been visiting at valley points for a month past, was in town on Sunday, on his way to the Cowles & Derham sawmill.

U. S. Cowles was in town on Saturday, from the sawmill, on his way to the home-ranch to spend Sunday with his family. He expects to begin soon on the construction of several neat cottages in Madras.

Miss Pearl Richards and Mr. Ivan Hale, both of Haystack, were united in marriage in the presence of a few friends and relatives at the Poindexter Hotel, in Prineville, on June 26, 1905. Judge W. A. Bell officiated. The groom is a son of W. B. Hale, the well-known Culver pioneer, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Richards, of Haystack. Mr. and Mrs. Hale have taken up their residence six miles south of Madras. The Pioneer joins their many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

Charles Derham was in town on Sunday, on his way to Antelope. He says that work is progressing nicely at the sawmill, and that they will soon be turning out lumber at the rate of ten or twelve thousand feet per day. They now have their planer in position, and as soon as the lumber has dried out enough, will begin to turn out dressed lumber. They have a good many logs in Matoes which will be driven down to the mill as soon as the boom is in place. The boom is about 800 feet long, and is being placed in position in the river now.

Don P. Rea is authorized to collect specimens for the Crook county exhibit in the horticultural building at the Lewis and Clark fair. The Fair will be visited by thousands from every part of the United States, and for this reason the exhibit, if attractive and representative of the county's resources, will be a wonderful advertisement of Crook county. A feeling of local pride should prompt contributions of anything worthy of being exhibited, and Mr. Rea will appreciate it as a great favor if the residents of this locality will assist him in securing a good exhibit from this portion of the county. The name of the contributor and the locality from which the exhibit comes, will appear on the specimens exhibited.

Rastus Beddingfield met with a very painful accident on Monday evening while engaged in setting off a small

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amount of fireworks in anticipation of the celebration the next day. Not being familiar with the method of touching off a "sky rocket" he held one in his hand and applied a match to it. His hand and arm were badly burned by the sparks from the rocket, and the stick to which the rocket is attached lacerated his thumb and the palm of his hand quite painfully as the force of the rocket tore the stick from his grasp. Rastus says the injuries were quite painful, but considering the amount of information he has acquired on the subject of pyrotechnics, the price was not too high.

One day last week Aaron Hoffman had an experience with a rattler which he will not soon forget. While sprouting potatoes in the big rear the house, he was conscious of something rubbing against his back, and glancing over his shoulder, found that an immense rattlesnake had raised its head and was in the act of crawling up on his back. The sight froze the blood in his veins and he was too paralyzed with fear to move, and while he sat there the snake crawled over his shoulder, and serps his knees and into its hiding place. When young Hoffman did recover his power of locomotion he ran into the house, but the reaction from the terrible fright completely prostrated him and he was unable for some little time to tell his mother the cause of the fright. It is a well-known fact that the rattlesnake unless disturbed will not strike, but even this fact does not make him a neighbor to be enjoyed.

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