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LET US INCORPORATE.
Madras should incorporate, and there are many good reasons for it. The town has now reached that point in its growth and development, when to delay further the important matter of incorporating and securing for itself the benefits to be derived from self-government, may mean the loss of the prestige it has gained by reason of its location. Situated as it is in the center of a rich and extensive wheat belt, with large areas of wheat lands on every side of it and good water for all domestic purposes easily obtainable by sinking to a depth not to exceed 20 feet, no town in Central Oregon has brighter prospects for the future. But to realize commercial supremacy in this portion of the state, where there will be other "embryo cities" springing up every year, there must be an effort on the part of those citizens who comprise the population of Madras. There must be some effort and a successful one too, at a well-governed and regulated municipality, and Madras must be able to say to those whom it invites to do their trading here, "We have an orderly and well-governed town, supplied with the usual conveniences to be expected and found in other prosperous towns of the same size."
These things we have at our hand. The state has given us authority, when our population has reached a certain number, to incorporate within the county court, and through incorporation we arrive at self-government and the power to secure revenue for those conveniences that every town should have. It would mean sidewalks, better streets, street lights, fire protection. And it would mean many of the things for want of which Madras is now suffering. All of the license from our saloons, which at present is being paid to the county, would after incorporation be paid into the city treasury, and this would in all probability afford ample revenue for those things most needed by the town.
Other towns will soon be reaching out after the rich trade of the surrounding territory, which by right should come to Madras; and it is time that the business men of the town were besirring themselves in an effort to retain for the town the advantage which Nature has so lavishly bestowed upon her. Our population is ample, and there is no further reason for delay.

TRIAL OF MITCHELL ON SECOND INDICTMENT.
Senator John H. Mitchell, who was convicted on his former trial in the federal court of having used his public office for private gain, will be tried on September 5 on what is known as the Pater indictment. This indictment charges Senator Mitchell with having accepted \$2000 from S. A. D. Pater for his services in helping to expedite a number of timber claims pending before the office at Prineville. **W. T. NOLAN**, 98 was the Register.

quest of District Attorney Healey, and the case will be tried before Judge Hunt at that time. This indictment charges that in 1902 the defendant entered into a conspiracy to defraud the government out of land in 11-7, the scene of all the frauds charged in former Pater indictments, situated near base of Mt. Jefferson. Pater, McKinley, Watson and Turpley are among the persons directly interested in the conspiracy. Later, Pater and Mrs. Watson went to Washington where they interested Senator Mitchell and Binger Hermann in their claims. It is alleged, with the result that the claims finally went to patent. It was during this visit that Pater claims to have given Senator Mitchell \$2000, in connection with his interest in having the claims expedited.

First Contract on Celilo Canal.
Smyth & Jones of Portland will build the first segment of the Dalles-Celilo Canal on the upper Columbia river. The contract was awarded this firm last week, their bid being \$294,201.70, the lowest bid offered for the work. Work will be commenced as soon as the contracts and bonds can be executed, and the work now under contract must be completed by December 1906.

The segment contracted by Smyth & Jones covers that portion extending from the upper end of the canal to a point half a mile below Celilo. This is only a small portion of the canal, but it is all of the work that could be contracted for with the funds now available. It is assumed that before this contract is completed, Congress will make another appropriation so that the work can proceed without interruption.

Migratory Tax Unconstitutional.
The supreme court of Oregon has declared the tax levy on migratory sheep unconstitutional, because inequality of taxation would be established were the law carried into execution. This law was passed by the last legislature, and provided that owners of livestock should pay taxes in counties in which they graze their animals for such proportion of the year as the migratory herds were so grazed. The suit to test the constitutionality of the law was brought in Lake county, and the decision of the supreme court is of much interest to all persons engaged in the livestock business.

Mr. Hansen, formerly of Grass Valley, who located the settlers upon what is known as "Methodist Hill", was in town the last of the week with his son and son-in-law from St. Louis. Mr. Hansen has great confidence in the future of this immediate section of country as a wheat belt, and has no hesitancy in saying that Madras is one of the most promising towns in Oregon. He and his sons were here for the purpose of looking over this field with a view to investing in some business at this point.

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Married.
Miss Ida B. McDaniel and John B. Brown, of Haystack, were married last Sunday at Culver by Justice of the Peace O. G. Collver, at the latter's residence. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home in that section of the country where Mr. Brown owns considerable farming property. Both the young people enjoy a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who extend to them best wishes for their future happiness and welfare.—Prineville Journal.

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