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**FARMING IN ARID AREAS.**

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is reported to have said "There are no useless American acres," having reference to the large areas of the United States which were once thought to be worthless for agricultural purposes, but which are rapidly becoming, under irrigation, the most productive sections of the Union. Much more of this land is being cultivated without irrigation with great productiveness, and after several years of experimenting, resulting in the use of proper crops and proper methods, some of the best grain belts of the Northwest have sprung from what was once accounted desert land.

Of no section of the United States is this statement more true than with reference to this portion of Central Oregon. In comparatively recent years this vast territory was thought to be valuable only for pasturage of livestock, the lowlands and meadow lands affording the only areas suitable for farming, and the only purpose of farming these was to secure winter feed for the livestock when the open range should fail. These conditions have rapidly changed in the past few years. Capital, profiting by the experience of other sections of the country, is bringing our large desert areas under irrigation, revolutionizing the agricultural industry of the state. Other sections of Central Oregon, notably the 700 square miles of territory surrounding this point and known as the Willow Creek Basin, are being cultivated without the aid of irrigation, and with such success that what was once the banner livestock district of the entire West now requires but better transportation facilities to make it equally famous as a wheat belt.

**PAPER WILL BE ENLARGED.**

Beginning with the first issue in September, the Pioneer will be enlarged to an 8-page paper. This is made necessary by the demand for more space, and while it entails considerable additional expense upon the paper, no change will be made in the subscription price or advertising rates. Madras is growing rapidly and The Pioneer will try to keep pace. We hope that the time is not far distant when the town will require a daily.

In addition to the change mentioned above, a complete job outfit, including a lot of new faces in type and a big supply of material will be added to The Pioneer plant in the next 30 days. The changes contemplated will also probably include a new dress for the paper.

The Pioneer is interested in the development of this section of Central Oregon, and in the growth of Madras which will naturally follow. It is devoting its best efforts to that end, and invites the assistance of all who are interested. We appreciate very much the encouragement and support which has been given the paper in the past.

S. P. Conroy was in Shaniko the first of the week, to meet Mr. Rogers, a millwright from Portland, who came out to put the finishing touches on the mill of the Madras Milling and Mercantile Co.

Mr. Harriman's theory of railroad building, as outlined by his spokesmen at the Portland banquet—that it should follow the development of the country and not precede it—even if it could be applied in any other section of the country is not tenable in Central Oregon. Development in this country means the cultivation of its immense areas of tillable land, and badly as they want a railroad it cannot be expected of the farmers of Central Oregon that they will raise crops of agricultural products for several years without any market or any knowledge of where their markets will be, just for the purpose of having the necessary tonnage for the railroad when it makes up its mind to come. As it happens the farmers of this country have produced enough wheat in the past two years to demonstrate the adaptability of our soil to wheat culture, and have found their market at home, and the tonnage will develop with surprising rapidity once a railroad is headed this way. But we are ready to forgive all such statements and all the failures of railroad extension in the past if the Columbia Southern will begin its extension from Shaniko by September 1, as is now promised.

A party of representatives of the O. R. & N. Company were at Shaniko last week, and it is stated that they were there for the purpose of inspecting the Columbia Southern Railway and perfecting arrangements for beginning the extension of that road into Central Oregon. The party included among its number J. C. Stubbs, vice president of the Harriman lines; J. B. O'Brien, general manager of the O. R. & N. Co., and R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon.

Whitman county, embracing a large portion of the best wheat lands in the famous Palouse wheat belt, has suffered from the hot wave this year, and will not yield her usual banner crop for the state of Washington. Fall grain, and the grain sown early in the Spring on summer-fallow land, withstood the scorching heat, but the late Spring grain was badly burned and will yield but a light crop. Whitman county will, however, yield about eight million bushels of wheat.

Road Supervisor John Dillon says that the \$400 appropriated for the Don P. Rea road will barely complete the North End Grade to the foot of the hill. It is well known that this is an expensive grade, being over a mile long and much of which is through difficult rock work. The County Court should have appropriated not less than \$1000 to finish this road to the Lyle gap, which is four miles distant from the North End Grade, and also through many patches of rock.

In three weeks from tomorrow the mail will begin coming by way of Heisler, and will reach here not later than 10:30 o'clock in the morning. This will give us our mail several hours earlier than at present, and will enable a reply to be sent by return mail on the same day. The new mail route, in many respects, will be a great improvement over the old.

Bend is to have a \$5000 schoolhouse. At an election held in the Bend school district last week it was decided to sell bonds to that amount, for the purpose of erecting a new schoolhouse.

**Special Excursion to Lewis & Clark Fair**  
On August 28 agents of the Columbia Southern Railway will issue round trip tickets from their respective stations to Portland, limit 7 days from date of sale, at one way fare for the round trip.  
C. E. Lytle, G. P. A.

A. S. Phillips, who owns the fine basin land southeast of here, also owns a strip of land bordering on several sides of the townsite. During the week he has been having the land surveyed and subdivided into sections, and later on they will be placed upon the market as building sites for residences.

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