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PUBLIC WELL IS FREE.

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the use of the public well in Madras, many people being under the impression that a charge is being made for the use of it. This is not true, and the charge that has been made users of water from the well was for the purpose of paying the cost of digging the well, and the fee of \$2 charged will cover the cost of using the water for all time to come. The balance of the cost of putting in the well, including cost of pump and lumber, was paid by subscription of the citizens of Madras. Had all of the users of water from the public well paid promptly, the pro rata charge would have been considerably less than the \$2 charged, but as in all communities, those who are willing to pay have had to bear the burden of those who will not pay, and the \$2 charge was made in order that the men who dug the well might have their money with reasonable promptness. The amount is so small, anyway, compared with the cost of water heretofore, that there should be no complaint over the charge. There will be no other charge, and the use of the well is entirely free to those who have paid. Only a very small amount, possibly \$10, remains unpaid, and this statement is for the purpose of correcting some of erroneous impressions that prevail in regard to the use of the public well.

In a community lacking organization as Madras does, it is always difficult to regulate such matters, and to provide for the ordinary conveniences for the people who patronize the business enterprises of the town. Incorporation of the town, which is now proposed, will remedy this in a large measure, and it will be possible for the municipal corporation, through its proper officers, to provide and maintain these necessary conveniences. The Townsite Company has given the use of a lot for the public well and when the town is incorporated it can doubtless be prevailed upon to deed this to the city, in order that the city may maintain a conveniently arranged public well and reservoir for the use of the ranchers of the surrounding country. This is easily within the province of the city government, and we believe that the business men of the community will support the city in its efforts to make the town more attractive.

A GREAT LIVESTOCK STATE

Marcus Daly, one-time Copper King of Montana, believed that that state possessed the ideal climate and altitude for the production of great running horses—and his famous Bitter Root Farm, which was built up to test his theory, proved the correctness of it.

Much in the same manner the Oregon country has appealed to breeders of livestock until today Oregon is the home of some of the greatest stock ranches in the world. And, the results of the great livestock show just closed at Portland, in the number of blue ribbons car-

ried off by Oregon-bred stock, prove conclusively that the Oregon country is by nature adapted to the production of the very highest types of livestock. In every branch the Oregon breeders have won a signal victory, and it has been demonstrated that the Oregon breeder need not get beyond the lines of his own state in search of fine stock with which to improve his flocks and herds.

Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N. Co., and well known throughout Eastern Oregon, died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland on last Saturday. Col. Judson was one of the most practical men in the state in all matters relating to agriculture, horticulture, livestock and progressive methods of farming, and his death means a great loss to those industries in this state. He was the first to advocate the growing of dry-land alfalfa on the highlands of Eastern Oregon, with the result that it is now an important forage crop in this section of the state.

September 30 has been set aside by the Lewis & Clark Fair management as "Portland day" and it is desired to make it the banner day of the Exposition in point of attendance. "Chicago day" rolled up an attendance of 700,000 at the Columbian Exposition in that city in 1893, but President Goode of the Lewis and Clark only asks for the modest number of 100,000 upon Portland Day.

The B. S. & L. Co. of Hay Creek were among the successful competitors in the great livestock show at the Portland Exposition last week. They had in the neighborhood of 60 fine rams on exhibition, all of them being the product of their ranch at Hay Creek, and it is said to have been the finest exhibit of Rambouillet and Spanish Merino sheep ever made on the Pacific Coast.

MARRIED.

BISHOP-KETCHUM.—On last Sunday evening, Sept. 24, 1905, Miss Ada Ketchum and Mr. Charles Bishop, of the Grizzly neighborhood, were united in marriage in this city, the Rev. J. K. Craig officiating. The young couple are now making a visit to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Mr. Bishop is head sawyer at the Grizzly Lake company's sawmill, and he and his bride will make their home in that vicinity.

Pete Marnach started on Monday for Portland to visit the fair.

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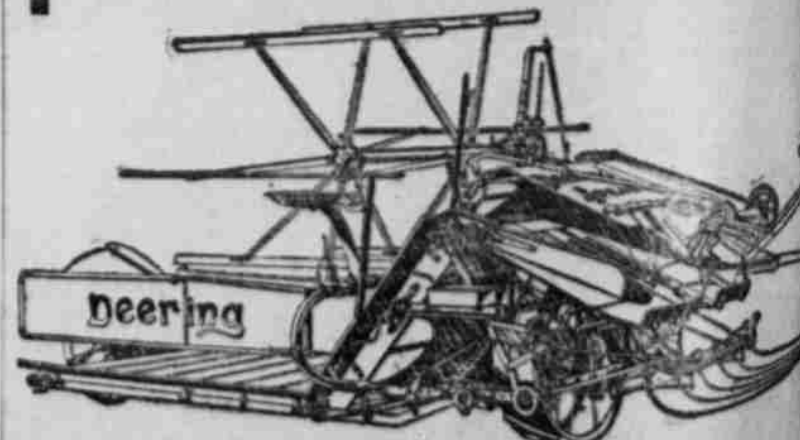
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