

# The Madras Pioneer

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## EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Good Program was Presented by Teachers.

### BASKET DINNER SERVED

Many Teachers Present from Different Portions of County--Delicious Spread Prepared by Ladies of this Place and Vicinity.

The educational meeting held at Madras last Saturday was one of the best ever held in Crook county, both in attendance and in the interest manifested. The gathering was called to order by County Superintendent C. B. Dinwiddie, who made a short talk on the aims and purposes of the meeting, and called forward R. A. Ford, president, and Miss Maude Kidder, secretary, of the Crook County Teachers' Association.

The programme was opened with singing, after which M. C. Mason gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Oregon School Law Compared with the School Law of Eastern States." During his remarks Mr. Mason spoke of the small salary paid the Crook county school superintendent, about \$400 a year, and advocated that it should be materially increased. This suggestion was indorsed by R. A. Ford, principal of the Prineville public school, who followed with an able address on "Relation of the Home to the School." Recitations were given by Miss Kidder, teacher in the Prineville school, and by Chloe Smith and Lee Mayes, pupils of the Madras school.

Dinner came next, and that Agency Plains and Haystack are not to be eclipsed by any other location in this particular was demonstrated beyond question last Saturday, by the sumptuous spread under the burden of whose weight the tables literally groaned.

A song exercise by the pupils of Mud Spring district, Mrs. Edith Brown, teacher, opened the programme in the afternoon and showed in their teacher an adept hand at the training of children. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Miss Isham rendered some pleasing selections on their guitars. R. C. Fulton, principal of the Madras school, gave a talk on "Is Our School Course Crowded?" Professor Fulton's subject was well handled, and he showed that all branches of the school course as laid out by the State Board of Education are essential to a pupil's education, and demonstrated that with proper application the course is not crowded. A. C. Strange, principal of the Crook county high school, addressed the association on "Benefits to Be Derived from a High School Education." His remarks received undivided attention; Professor Strange showing himself to be a pleasing speaker and convincing his hearers that a high school course is a matter which should be undertaken by every pupil if possible. Miss Grace Smith, of the Madras school, gave a paper on "Geography, According to the Course of Study." The subject was treated in a thorough manner, and showed a good understanding of how this branch should be taught. "School Surroundings of Our Children, and Their Effects on the Moral Life," was

the subject of remarks by Rev. J. K. Craig and T. F. Blanchard. Recitations were given by Laura Phillips and Susie Cowherd, and a quartette which was well received was sung by Mrs. Snook, Miss Galloway, Mr. Percival and Mr. Anderson.

The visiting teachers were warm in their terms of praise of their entertainment by the Madras and Haystack people, and are truly gratified at the interest taken in educational matters in this new and growing country.

### LIDLAW DESIRES CHANGE

Commenting on an article which appeared in this paper, advocating a change in the mail service so as to extend the Heisler-Madras route on through to Bend, by way of Haystack, Culver, Lamonta, Forest, Redmond and Laidlaw, the Chronicle, published at the last named place, says:

"The above meets with the approval of the people in this locality and there is certainly no reason why it could not be put through if taken up through the proper channels. The Post Office Department is now asking for bids for the transportation of the mail over the various star routes, and the date set for all bids to be in at Washington is December 5. So far there has been no bids submitted on the Laidlaw and Bend route and for two very good reasons. First, the present service does not give satisfaction from the fact of the poor connections with the through lines, the mail coming into Laidlaw lays in the office at Bend 24 hours, as the schedule requires the carrier to leave Bend just before the mail from Prineville is due; another reason why there has been no bids gone in from here is that every one realizes that there must be some change in the service soon, and if the petitions that have recently gone in to the department are considered favorably, it will do away with the Laidlaw and Bend route."

### A NEW INDUSTRY.

Laidlaw Chronicle

U. S. Cowles, of Madras, will soon begin the erection of a distillery at his place on the Deschutes about 50 miles north of here. Part of the equipment is now on the ground and work will soon begin on the building. Mr. Cowles has contemplated this move for some time, but owing to poor transportation facilities he has held back until some assurance was in evidence that a railroad would be built. Now that the Great Southern is steadily pushing south and will pass near his place this obstacle is removed and he will get his plant in operation as soon as possible.

The location chosen by Mr. Cowles is all that could be desired for a business of this kind lying as it does on the banks of the Deschutes river from which the water can be easily conducted to the building, the water being soft, of an even temperature and always clear, makes it first-class for distilling purposes. The location is only a short distance from any part of the Agency Plains from which the grain supply will be drawn.

Andrew Morrow was a business visitor in Madras during the week.

## NEW RAILROAD HEADED FOR CENTRAL OREGON

Definite Announcement Made that Work will Start at Once.

It is stated as an absolute certainty that the financial interests behind the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company will build a railroad across the Cascades, through Central Oregon into Lake county, and ultimately to Malheur county to connect with one of the transcontinental lines. This fact is announced by the treasurer of the company, who states that the surveys have been made, and that the money for the enterprise has been secured.

Although a number of surveys have been made across the Cascades, no location has been made as yet. It is stated on good authority, however, that the road will leave the Clackamas river at a point near Estacada, and will cross the range at some point other than the Clackamas river canyon. After crossing the mountains the road will pass through the Warm Spring Indian reservation, and on through this large wheat belt into Central Oregon. It is estimated that the construction of 100 miles from Estacada will put the road into the very heart of Central Oregon.

The O. W. P. company's line out to Estacada is an electric line, but the proposed line across the mountains and into Central Oregon will be built as a steam line. Eventually, however, the road will be converted to an electric line, for which purpose it is stated that the company is now securing water power along the route.

The announcement that the O. W. P. company is to build into Central Oregon bears out a prophecy which the writer heard made several years ago, when the company first extended its lines through Clackamas county, that the line being built then was intended to ultimately strike through Central Oregon. The prophecy was made by one who has kept in pretty close touch with developments in Central Oregon, and as the railroad situation clears the accuracy of his forecast seems certain.

### SUGAR BEETS AT SISTERS

Telegram.

H. B. Reed, who owns a ranch in Crook County, near the base of the Three Sisters, brought a sample of sugar beets to the city this week, to show what irrigation will do for that industry.

These beets contain 15 per cent of sugar and grow to a large size. Mr. Reed thinks beet raising will be a leading industry in Crook county when the land is placed under a system of irrigation. His ranch is 40 miles west of Prineville, and is without railroad facilities, but it is expected that a line will be built in the near future. Mr. Reed rode on the stage for 100 miles from his ranch to Shaniko on coming out to his former home at McMinnville.

"In order to reach McMinnville, 100 miles away, we had to travel around by the Columbia River a distance of 500 miles," he said.

There will be a dance in Madras on New Year's Night, the music to be furnished by Sharp's Orchestra of Prineville. Tickets will be \$1, supper tickets extra. The young people of Madras and surrounding towns are cordially invited, and all are promised an enjoyable evening.

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