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Hunters' license is only issued for the calendar year, and the license taken out prior to January 1 expired with the end of the old year. All persons who expect to hunt during the present year should secure license from the county clerk, as the law will be rigidly enforced. The cost for residents of the county is \$1 for each license.

There must have been some cold weather over at the county seat as it is reported that next summer's supply of ice has already been put up, an unusual thing for this early in the season. John Geiger put up 425 tons, which he says is better than the supply he got last year. It is said that the ice ponds were frozen to a depth of six inches.

Madras should have a daily mail, including Sunday, as the business of the office more than justifies this service. Recently an inspector from the postal department was here, and when approached on the subject, he promised to take it up immediately on his return to headquarters. He also stated that it was quite likely the mail between Heisler and Madras would be increased to a daily service, and that he would recommend that the change be made at once.

So far there have been very few announcements for the various offices of this county, although there is yet time for the usual large number to come forth and tender their services. Since the adoption of the direct primary law, it will be necessary for all candidates to file with the county clerk the petition asking that their name be placed upon the ballot, and this must be done before the 4th day of April, in the case of aspirants for county offices. Candidates for state, district and congressional offices must file their petition before the last day of March. Primary election will be held on April 20.

Acquiring the right-of-way sometimes proves to be an expensive preliminary in the building of railroads, and especially in sections of country where the land is held at very high figures. It is said that the Hill road on the north bank of the Columbia is compelled to pay enormous prices for land through the territory opposite Hood River, where the soil and climate are especially adapted to the growth of strawberries, the price reaching \$1000 an acre in some instances. At one place it cost \$48,000 to acquire a strip less than two miles long and only 100 feet wide, and in another place \$13,000 has been refused for a small tract of only 16 acres.

### OUR PRIMARY LAW.

The practice of various journals throughout the state of ridiculing the primary law and those who are announcing their candidacy subject to its provisions, is an unwise, not to say unfair, method of dealing with a measure of which the voters of the state have not yet had an opportunity to test the merits.

It is true that there are many who do not believe that its application is practicable, although the theory of the direct primary may be correct. It is equally certain that many of our best citizens who might under some conditions be persuaded to accept office, are not willing to enter a free-for-all scramble for office, such as promises to be the result of Oregon's first trial of the direct primary law. This fact offers the best excuse for argument against the direct primary. But, the direct primary is no longer a theory. It is an actual condition, a law, which confronts us, and the policy referred to above, of ridiculing the law and those who invoke its provisions in their aspirations for office, is inexcusable on any grounds.

Oregon is giving the direct primary law a trial. The trial should be a thorough one in order that its faults may hereafter be eliminated, or if they be found to be too many, that the law may be repealed at the first opportunity. Meanwhile it devolves upon you to see that the names of good men are put upon the tickets, and then to get out and see that they are successful in the nominating primaries. Otherwise men of very mediocre ability are going to be elected to fill some of the most important offices of the state.

We have become so accustomed to the old method of our nominating conventions that it does not seem to be generally understood that each party will nominate its candidates for county, district and state offices in the primaries to be held in April, and that from among these candidates our county, district and state officers will be elected in June.

### PETITION IS DENIED.

The petition of the residents of Madras to incorporate was denied by the county court at its session last Thursday. One reason assigned for denying the petition is that the petitioners failed to file proof that the signers were legal voters within the territory asking to be incorporated. Two months ago the petition was laid over to next meeting, the court giving as its reason for doing so that it had been informed that certain of the signers upon the petition were not qualified voters within the territory. Shortly after that a list of questions was sent out by the county clerk, presumably to ascertain whether the signers were bona fide residents, the inquiries being sent only to those whose residence the court questioned. Knowing of this action on the court's part, and assuming that under these circumstances it would not be necessary to furnish any other proof, none other was furnished,—and, in fact, no notice had been given that it would be required.

It is questionable whether the county court has the right to arbitrarily deny a petition of this nature, all the requirements of the law being strictly complied with, but Crook county has long been run by and for Prineville, and the county seat influence was against the incorporation of Madras for reasons that are well known. The territory asking to be incorporated was entitled to it, and incorpor-

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ation would have made possible certain measures of sanitation whereby the recurrence of typhoid during the coming year might have been prevented, but through the interference of an all-wise Court, who gets his information from a source that might be questioned in any other community on earth except Prineville, the petition is denied and the people of this community are deprived of self-government, so necessary in this case to successful community life.

### PLENTY OF TIME FOR RAINS.

Old settlers are not at all uneasy over the fact that little rain or snow has yet fallen throughout this section of country, as it is remembered by them that in a majority of the years since the first settlers came to this locality the rains have been very late in starting in, and that some of the seasons of most abundant yields were preceded by an unusually dry fall and winter, the rain not setting in until the latter part of January.

The snow of the past few days, covering the ground to a depth of several inches, is a good beginning and the prospects for more of the same kind of weather are fine.

The farmers of Willow creek basin have just passed through a bad year, the crops being almost a complete failure owing to the lack of moisture, and there has been some uneasiness among the newcomers, but there is still plenty of time for good seasonable rains.

### SCRAMBLE FOR TOWNSITES

Portland Journal.  
Location of a station to be established by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads on the north bank of the Columbia river opposite The Dalles is causing no end of speculation by land owners, who believe a great deal of money is to be made by

getting possession of land contiguous to the spot. One day it is reported the station will be at Underwood, and there is a great land boom started. Next day rumor has it that it will be at White Salmon, and immediately a stampede to White Salmon occurs.

It is said that a Portland man who went up to White Salmon to buy a piece of land he had been planning to plat found that the land had changed hands three times since he had received news of it, and that \$3000 profit had been cleared on it in the last two days. He returned home and is said to have comforted himself by investing in slough property on the peninsula.

Considerable complaint is heard concerning the length of time it takes to get back papers which have been sent to the county clerk's office for record. Deeds, mortgages and other papers sent there for record are marked "filed for record" and then must await their turn before being actually recorded, this causing a delay of three to six months, and possibly even longer. The fact is that the county clerk's office is badly behind with this work. It is a condition of affairs which is causing much annoyance, and it should be abated. If the county clerk has insufficient clerical help, then the number of his deputies should be increased. Other counties in which there are many times as much recording to be done keep up with their work, and there is no excuse for this condition in Crook.

All who expect to vote in the primaries should register, and the time to register is now, before you forget it. Registration books were opened on January 2. They will close on April 10 to open again for 20 days after the primary, beginning with April 25. Judge F. J. Brooks, justice of the peace for this precinct, has blanks and he will be glad to register you. Attend to it now.

Senator Gearin has been given assignments on the following senate committees: Pensions, Claims, Forest Reservations, Industrial Expositions, National Banks and District of Columbia.

R. T. Jones was out with his bob-sled and four horses this morning, gave the school children a sleigh ride and took them down to the picture gallery where they had their photos taken.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
Department of the Interior.  
Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,  
December 16, 1905

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Don P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on January 26, 1906, viz:

John Tellefson, of Madras, Oregon, on H. E. No. 12,723, for the se 1-4 sw 1-4, sw 1-4 sec 1-4 sec 18, ne 1-4 nw 1-4 and nw 1-4 no 1-4 sec 19, tp 10 s, r 14 e, w. m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

James M. Borbridge, I. F. Paxton, R. P. Loving, Arthur Bemis, all of Madras, Oregon.  
MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Cut this out, insert P. O. address, date, sign and mail to DAY.

### Send Me The Pioneer

To The Pioneer Publishing Company, Madras, Oregon:

GENTLEMEN:—Count me as a member of The Pioneer Family for one year. Send me the paper for that time, which I agree to pay the sum of \$1.50 on or before January 1st, 1906.

DATED AT

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ Oregon, 1906

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_