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MAKE AN EFFICIENT MEMBER.

Fred Fisher, who resides on Sage Brush Flat about six miles northeast of this place, is being talked of as a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner at the approaching primaries, and the demand that he become a candidate for the county commissionership is becoming so urgent that he may be persuaded to permit the use of his name.-Mr. Fisher has been a resident of this end of the county since the first settlers moved into the Agency Plains country; in fact he is one of our "pioneer citi-"zens." He has acquired a nice body of wheat land upon the flat, and is improving it as rapidly as possible, his private interests there having occupied most of his time since he came into this section. However, notwithstanding his attention to private affairs, Mr. Fisher has still had sufficient time to interest himself in roads and other county improvements for this end, and to an extent that has made him a valuable member this. of the community: And, it has been his active and unselfish interest in all matters pertaining to the community life of this deputy, and the work of recordend of the county which has ing conveyances and other in- hog makes his appearance on the second particularly marked him as fine struments will hereafter be timber for the county commis- done with more promptness. sionership. ergetic, and interested in the clerical force in the clerk's growth and development of the office, has caused much inconcounty, Mr. Fisher would make a most acceptable county commissioner, and if he will become a candidate he is entitled to the full vote of his party in the primaries to be held in April. Western Crook county is entitled to representation upon the county board, and it wants just such representation as Mr. Fish er would give it.

government is that it will build. the roads on the highest stand-

the experimental road is to be built will furnish the labor and material. Senator Fulton has that when the work in under-

of machinery employed.

Willis W. Brown of Heisler was.in town yesterday. He is being prominently mentioned for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Crook county, and Parkey Has Runaway Accident. it is likely that Mr. Brown will become a candidate for the the county, having for years been associated with the late A. R. Lyle in the firm of Lyle & Brown, at Heisler, and he has friends in every section of the of an opportunity to support him. Mr. Brown is a man of excellent business ability, is prominent in one of the princiadministration of the sheriff's office. He would be the strongest man the Republicans of the county could nominate, and it is said that the Democrats know

The county court has allowed The delay which has been occa-A man of practical ideas, en sioned by the lack of sufficient venience to residents of this county who had papers which required recording.

The Madras Pioneer go on. The offer made by the Will Drill for Oil Near Haystack. It is understood that Frank Lloveland is soon to begin drilling for oil, in the ard of the 'engineers of the Good Haystack neighborhood, and that he will Roads association, provided the sink at least 400 feet, which is the length county or community in which of the cable on his drilling machine. The well will be sunk on a ranch near the D. Barnett place. - 4

There have been numerous oil "excitements" in Haystack neighborhoods, due chosen Pendleton and Salem as to the finding . of splendide indications the sites for the two miles of while digging wells in that neighborhood, will be advertised throughout thoroughly prospect his ranch. We do the community, in advance, so dot know to what depth they prospected, that line in the Haystack country, and the taken as many of the residents hole to be sunk by Mr. Loveland will be of the district as care to, may watched with much interest. It was be present to witness the something like two years ago that Archie methods employed and the type Mason bonded the Barnett property for the purpose of sinking a well upon it in

search of oil, but nothing followed from that little flurry of oil excitement, although Mr. Barnett still believes strongly that oil will be found upon his place and infact all. through this sectoin.

Alfred Parkey met with painful injuies last Monday morning, in a runaway nomination before the primaries accident which happened to him as he to be held in April. He is one was coming to town from his ranch on of the best-known cattlemen in Agency Plains. He was driving a wild team, and when he reached the grade leading down to Madras, the team started to run, getting from under Parkey's control and upsetting the wagon on the grade, Parkey being thrown among the rocks which hne the road down the hill. He county who would be glad received a bad scalp wound and a number of bruises about the head, a small bone in his leg was fractured, and he received a number of bad bruises about the body. Parkey has been laid up at the Green Hotel during the week, while Dr. pal industries of the county, Snook has been patching him up. His and he would unquestionably injuries are not serious, but they will render a good account of his probably keep him in bed for several days more.

> 11 1 Six Weeks More of Winter. Last Friday was ground hog day and if any of those little weather prophets chanced fi-mi to come out of his long winter's sleep and emerge from his nest' he surely had ample opportunity to see his shadow, for

last Friday was one of the brightest, sun-County Clerk Smith another niest days we have had in months. According to the ancient custom the groundday of February each year, and if he sees his character in Madina and that said proof will be made before Don P. Rea, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Mad-ras, Oregon, on March 5, 1905, viz: his shadow he retires into his winter's nest (for another six weeks





VOTERS SHOULD REDISTER.

Every voter in this precinct should bear in mind that if he desires to participate in the primaries he must register at once. Unless he has registered since January 1 he cannot participate in the primary election and neither can he sign petitions for the nomination of candidates to be voted on at the primaries And, this last is quite as important as voting in the primary. Since the passage of the direct primary nominating elections law, a double dury devolves upon every voter interested in securing the election of good officials. In addition to the duty of supporting good men at the primaries, there is the additional duty of seeing that the best men become candidates and appear on the nominating ballots, and unless one is registered this last-named duty cannot be performed. Register now and see that good candidates come out for the various offices to be filled. . . . That I stern bat

EXPERIMENTAL ROAD BUILDING

The building of two miles of experimental road in this state, by the federal government, will he of inestimable benefit to, the part of the week from The Dalles, where cause of good roads, and it is to he made commutation proof upon his he hoped that there will be no homestead on Agency Plains. Helay in making the necessary appropriations to have the work P. Clark, Madras.

The First National bank of Prineville has moved into its elegant new quarters on the site of the old bank building, and it is now one of the best housed institutions of its kind in East ern Oregon. The new bank building is built of stone, the common black basalt having been used, and the result is a **EIMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED FARMS FOR SALE** most attractive building, of which any_city in the state might be justly proud.

Over at Antelope democrats are said to be almost as scarce as "hen's teeth". Out of the first sixty voters registered, only 4 were democrats, one was a socialist and the balance were republicans. There were no prohibitionists at all, and in fact the prohibitionist is the only article in the Antelope market scarcer than democrats.

Miles Herman Preston, the eightmonths-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Preston, who live about three miles northeast of Madras, died on Sunday night of what was supposed to be in flammation of the bowels. The remains were interred in the cemetery about a mile northeast of town. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in the loss of their child.

Joe Stewart, a stockman from the Heisler neighborhood, was a visitor in town yesterday. Joe says they had a very pleasant time at the dance given by him in his hall last Friday evening

E. G. Bolter, a stockman from Cross Keys; was in town yesterday on land business. He was accompanied by Sanford(Shultz and Will,E. Johnston.

W.E. Eulgham , returned , the latter

Seed potatoes for sale, le per 15 .- A.

However, in this locality the groundhog's prognostications cause no grief. The country needs more rain and snow, and a good long spell of "falling weather" would be welcomed. There is a general feeling that we will have to pay a big price Hunter, Charles Jarrett, att of Madres, Oregon for all of the fine weather we have been enjoying in the past month. fl-mi

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