

The Madras Pioneer

MADRAS, CROOK COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1906.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

CLARENCE
DENTIST
Work at reasonable prices.
SEASIDE, OREGON

W. H. MANN
NOTARY PUBLIC
Crescent Building
OREGON

NOTARY PUBLIC AND
COMMISSIONER
OREGON

NOTARY PUBLIC
OFFICE OF THE PEACE
CLAY PRECINCT
OREGON

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Office in Drug Store
OREGON

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
Madras Meat Market
Corner 1st & N. to S. P. N.
OREGON

President.
T. M. BALDWIN, Cashier.
W. H. BALDWIN, Vice Pres.
E. BALDWIN, Asst. Cashier.
NO. 3851.
First National Bank
SEASIDE, OREGON
ESTABLISHED 1888
Assets and Undivided Profits
\$80,000.00

WOOD CREEK
MILL
W. H. MEEKIN, Props.
Mill is in operation
with all kinds of rough
LUMBER.
Order on hand as soon as
needed for planing.
OREGON

Property Plat corrected up to
names of all entrymen, variant
of price, 50 cents each.

GRIP FOR SALE
Suits to all kinds of Government
residence or improvement, all
prices. Write us for full par-
ticulars. Office business a specialty.
Experience. References
furnished.

W. H. BOONE
Land in home-made

Shoes & Saddles
Suits of White River Tree
The best in the market.
OREGON

THE SOUTHERN
RAILWAY CO.
TABLE NO. 10.
Commence July 3, 1904.

STATION	North Bound No. 1.	Daily Pass.
Seaside	11:30 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
Gilbert	11:35 a. m.	11:35 a. m.
W. Coast	11:40 a. m.	11:40 a. m.
Klamath	11:45 a. m.	11:45 a. m.
Hamlet	11:50 a. m.	11:50 a. m.
Prineville	11:55 a. m.	11:55 a. m.
Madras	12:00 p. m.	12:00 p. m.
Seaside	12:05 p. m.	12:05 p. m.
Hamlet	12:10 p. m.	12:10 p. m.
Prineville	12:15 p. m.	12:15 p. m.
Madras	12:20 p. m.	12:20 p. m.
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SPRING GOODS

A FULL LINE JUST IN

LADIES' Summer Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Stockings, Shoes and Ribbons.

MEN'S Heavy Work Shirts, Hose, Shoes, Gloves, Suspenders, Etc.

FANCY DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY

Calico, 5c	Shirting, 5c to 12½c
Fancy Waistings, 15c to 25c	Towels, 10c to 35c
Outing Flannel, 10c to 12½c	Ladies' Muslin Underskirts, 85c to \$1.25
Percales, 7c to 10c.	Corset Covers, 25c to 50c
Apron Gingham, 10c	Indian Gloves, 75c to \$1.00

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Will make the season from April 1 to July 1, 1906, in Madras Culver and Haystack vicinities. Will be at Osborn & Wilson's barn on Monday and Tuesday of each week; Thursday and Friday at O. C. Hale's place near Culver; Saturday at the McCoin ranch at Grey Butte. TERMS, \$10 by the season; \$5 single service.

J. S. McCOIN, Owner.

EASTERN OREGON BANKING COMPANY

SHANIKO, OREGON

Capital Stock, \$25,000 Deposits, \$250,000

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

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Fare \$4.50; Round trip, \$8.

Agent at MADRAS HOTEL.

ASSESSMENT IS RAISED.

Property Being Assessed at About 50 Per Cent Increase Over Last Year.

Deputy Tax Assessor Lafollette has been in Madras during the week, assessing the property of this neighborhood for the 1906 taxes. Mr. Lafollette is authority for the statement that it will be the policy of the county tax assessor this year, to assess the property at a higher valuation than it was assessed last year. One instance of this is in the assessment of cultivated wheat lands, which last year were assessed at \$4 an acre but will be assessed at \$6 an acre for 1906.

This policy of assessing property at something like its real value and lowering the tax rate accordingly is unquestionably the correct way, provided this reform is carried out all through the county and the heavy taxpayers of the county are not permitted to dodge taxes as they have done for so many years. The Pioneer has been advocating this reform in taxation, for the reason that our tax rate, while low when the low valuation of property is taken into consideration, yet appears to be very high to investors coming into this section of country and who are not familiar with the past methods of assessing property at from a fourth to a third of its value.

Mr. Lafollette says that there is considerable complaint in this section over the assessment of lands at practically 50 per cent. increase over their last assessment, but he thinks the objection will cease when it is found that the tax levy is lowered correspondingly, and that taxes have not been increased.

SAND STORM EXPLAINED

More Observer.

February 29, 1898, there was just such another dust storm as passed over the Inland Empire this month, March 10, 11, 12, '06, only the storm of 1898 was manifest in every portion of the United States, covering plate glass windows with a paste like mixture which, when it became dry, baffled the genius of window washers. Some of it entered the Observer office, and lodged on type in cases, where nothing but use and age effaced it. The dust of the storm this month was very much the same where it fell moist. The dry particles were so very fine and high that objects were obscured a quarter of a mile away, and where it fell to the ground covered everything with fine yellow particles to the depth of the 16th part of an inch. All along the line from Edmondton to Klamath, our clippings show the same mysterious guess as to whence it came. In 1898 the Scientific American said it was not of the earth, and one cosmogonist convinced the writer that this little sphere of ours had passed through a comet just then. It may be that this episode may be accounted for in some similar manner.

WHEAT WAS DAMAGED.

Farmers of this locality are pretty generally satisfied now that the recent cold weather destroyed the growing wheat, and that a large area will have to be resown. It was thought at first that the tender sprouts only were injured, but subsequently it was found that a large amount

of the Fall-sown grain was frozen out, and preparations are under way to have all of that which was frozen reseeded to wheat or oats. In some places where the wheat was sowed on stubble, it was not killed by the cold, as the stubble held the snow and protected the grain.

One difficulty which is being experienced by those who are compelled to reseed is in getting seed grain, which is very scarce in this section. Many are expecting to sow oats, and some of those who expect to reseed to wheat may be compelled to put in oats on account of their inability to get wheat.

THREE NEW POST OFFICES.

Eight postoffices established and five discontinued is the record for Oregon since the beginning of the year 1906. In the establishment of new offices Crook county leads, with three to its credit. Umatilla county had two postoffices closed. In nearly all cases of closing rural delivery was the prime factor, new routes serving many of the patrons of the offices discontinued.

The offices established since January 1, 1906, were: Dee, Wasco county, served from Hood River; O'Neil, Crook county, served from Prineville; Kings Valley, Benton county, served from Airlie; Lower Bridge, Crook county, served from Prineville; Taft, Lincoln county, served from Keruville; Crook, Crook county, served from Prineville; Hamlet, Clatsop county, served from Push. The office at Carnation, Washington county, had been ordered discontinued in February, but the order was rescinded on a showing made to the department by the patrons of the office.

The offices discontinued were: Adams, Grant county; Myrick, Umatilla county; James, Clackamas county; Ridge, Umatilla county; Tipton, Baker county. Evening Telegram.

BIG REPUBLICAN LEAD.

Large Registration in Kutcher Precinct--Republicans Double Others.

The registration in this precinct up until yesterday morning had reached a total of 224, of which number 145 were republican voters, this being practically two-thirds of the entire registration. Kutcher precinct will probably lead all other precincts in the county in the number of republican voters registered, if not in total registration. Prineville being the only competitor for first place. The democratic vote, in numbers, comes next to the republican in this precinct, with the prohibitionists third. The last count showed the following registration in the precinct:

Republican	145
Democratic	47
Prohibition	12
Independent	11
Socialist	6
No party	3
Total	224

Fred Fisher is reported to be convalescent from his recent very severe spell of pneumonia, and to be gaining strength slowly, although it will still be several weeks before he will be able to get about. In spite of the fact that Mr. Fisher has been unable to make an active campaign in his candidacy for the republican nomination for county commissioner, owing to his illness, his candidacy is making good progress and very encouraging reports come from a number of precincts in the county.

BRIDGE WAS IN DANGER.

High Water in Willow Creek Would Endanger New Bridge.

During the hard rain which lasted for several days the latter part of last week, considerable uneasiness was felt here, lest the big dam on the Phillips place break, and the new bridge across Willow Creek be carried out by the large volume of water which would come rushing down the creek bed. Mr. Phillips has built a large dam across a narrow place in the gorge above his ranch, in order to store up water in a reservoir for irrigating purposes. While there is not enough water stored up to be a menace to other parties further down the creek, it would be dangerous to the bridge should the dam give way. During the rain mentioned the water came up to within a foot of the top of the dam, but it was strongly constructed and was able to withstand the strain.

The new bridge is built as strongly as any bridge could be built with the small amount of money available for the purpose, and it will no doubt withstand any ordinary strain, but old residents of this neighborhood say that the water gets pretty high in Willow Creek during some of the spring freshets, and a sudden flood might take out the bridge.

AT TRAIL CROSSING.

Engineers at Work on Mysterious Project in Crooked River Gorge.

A surveying party in charge of A. C. Palmer is at work at trail crossing in Crooked river gorge. At present the party is camped at the Myer place. No one seems to know what the surveyors are doing, except that they are very busy with transit and level doing something. It might be another railroad, and it might be an electric power plant, for which at that point there is plenty of water and a good head. The engineers don't tell. Review.

TO DESTROY HESSIAN FLY.

Insect Discovered in Montana Which Is An Enemy to the Pest.

Montana has won new fame and if the expectation of experts of the department of agriculture is fulfilled, the state will have the distinction of furnishing an insect enemy of the Hessian fly, the great wheat pest, that will save \$100,000,000 a year for the farmers of the United States, says the Rocky Mountain Husbandman of Great Falls.

The discovery of the parasite also proves that the wheat fields of Montana are perfectly protected from the ravages of the dreaded fly.

The tiny insect upon which the government entomologists are depending to check and possibly destroy completely the Hessian fly is the polygnotus nemilis, and it is indigenous to Montana, Northern Dakota and Idaho, where it was discovered during the summer of 1905 by G. I. Reeves, of the bureau of entomology of the department of agriculture while on field work connected with the investigation of the Hessian fly.

Miss Myrtle Banta is making proof today upon her homestead in the Haystack neighborhood.

Sam Collins, candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff, is in town today in the interest of his candidacy.

Miss Anna Belknap is in town from her homestead six miles south of Madras, upon which she is making proof today before Commissioner Rea.

B. F. Scott, representing the Eilers Piano House of Portland, accompanied by Rufus Cochran, was in town over Sunday. Mr. Scott is an accomplished musician and entertained several Madras people with his pleasing performances of the guitar while here.