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THE New Store OF J. W. & M. A. ROBINSON & CO

Is Now Open for Business

A full line of groceries now ready. Our stock is fresh and prices right. We are here to stay and we want to please. A complete line of general merchandise and hardware, clothing and footwear now ordered. Will be opened and on sale within two weeks.

WE HAVE ORDERED A CHOICE LINE OF SUMMER DRESS GOODS

Which is expected daily and will be offered at Remarkably Low Prices

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A FULL LINE JUST RECEIVED FANCY DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY

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

LENA M. LAMB

Palmehm Building, Madras, Oregon

THE HEADQUARTERS

SEEDS Turkestan Alfalfa, Garden and Flower Seeds--Cheaper than you can buy them elsewhere

HARNESS Working and Drive Harness, Collars, Hames and Everything in the Harness Line

BARB WIRE Best Grade on the Market. We sell it at \$4.50 per hundred lbs.

M'TAGGART & BYE

Madras, Oregon

LAND NEW TO FARMING

IN THE CENTRAL OREGON COUNTRY

Railroad Editor of the Portland Journal Writes About Wheat Belt of Crook County.

C. M. Hyskell, railroad editor of the Portland Journal, recently made a trip through Central Oregon, and upon his return to Portland, had the following to say about the wheat belt of Crook county:

"The lands have been denuded by sheep, the country is new to farming, and the mass of people now in it have been living there only two or three years. They are this year breaking thousands of acres of virgin plain and sowing wheat. Here and there a settler has with shovel, dynamite and rude windlass, punctured the earth through alternating strata of volcanic ash and rock to a depth of 100 feet and secured an inexhaustible well of good water, which he is laboriously drawing to the surface by means of a rope and a bucket. The windmill agent has not yet arrived.

"All improvements are in their infancy. The modern method of drilling a well, putting in casing and surmounting it with a wind pump and galvanized iron tank has not been adopted. When it is there will be no lack of water in central Oregon. These improvements have not been made because the settlers are not quite ready. It takes a good deal of money to drill deep wells, build tanks and pipe water to house, barn and pasture, as they do down in Iowa after 50 years of progress and preparation for these conveniences.

Central Oregon farmers are investing their capital in small houses, farming outfits, first-class horses and barbed wire, and are building fences with juniper posts. Juniper is of the cedar family. It is said to be the longest lived fence post known to the civilized world. Juniper trees grow in abundance for fencing and fuel all over central Oregon. Many miles of fences are being built, new roads opened, and old prairie roads cut off by barbed wire.

"You travel miles through Crook county, and see on either side of the road level farms of 160 acres, newly broken by the plow and seeded for the first time with wheat, oats or barley. These plains occur in various sections of central Oregon. The term 'central Oregon' is by no means restricted to Crook county, although that county contains 7,758 square miles. Rhode Island has 500 square miles.

"The central Oregon farmer sows only half a bushel of wheat to the acre as against one and a half to two bushels sown by the Nebraska or Dakota farmer. The Crook county man harvests from his alleged arid land 10 to 15 bushels of wheat to the acre, without water. The crop has run to 25 bushels, but that much is not expected, nor is it likely to happen with any degree of regularity until the character of the climate changes to something more moist, as is predicted by those who have watched the evolution of soil and rainfall in semi-arid regions where cultivation and vegetation are introduced and promoted from year to year.

"It is predicted by settlers that the crop conditions will steadily improve until central Oregon will become fruitful whether irrigated or not, and will attract a normal amount of rainfall during the summer season. This prediction has substantial support in the proved theory of irrigation experts, who have solemnly testified that after a few years of cultivation and production of crops in a previously arid belt brought under irrigation the rains gradually increase in frequency until the annual precipitation is doubled.

HON. E. L. SMITH LEADS

Reports From Interior Counties Show Sentiment Favorable to Him.

The exchanges from the interior counties continue to indicate strongly that Hon. E. L. Smith will lead all of the candidates for the nomination for United States senator, says a Portland daily. The sentiment seems to be universal that as long as Portland is divided between her own candidates that the country cannot be reasonably expected to take a part in that contest. The voters in the interior think that Mr. Smith ought to be acceptable to the Portland people, as his energies have for many years been directed in favor of the large enterprises beneficial to Portland's interest. He is a man to be depended on to represent the whole state and not merely any special interest thereof. Surely there

can be no doubt that Oregon needs just such a man as that. The country and the metropolis rightly considered have no conflicting interest. What is beneficial to one is beneficial to the other.

An open Columbia river helps Portland, but it helps the whole tributary country. Every agricultural interest, the vast enterprises of irrigating the arid lands and making them productive are all of the highest importance to Portland's commerce. Indeed, Portland's supremacy as the metropolis of the northwest is assured only by virtue of the productivity and industries of her tributary Oregon empire. No man has better exemplified by his conduct his thorough appreciation of this larger view of Portland's welfare and greatness. Can any other candidate so well answer these requirements as Mr. Smith?

KUTCHER LEADS

Big Increase in Votes--Total of 1639, of Which 981 Are Republicans.

Registration of voters in this county up until the 10th of this month, at which time the books were closed until after the primaries, shows a total of 1639 voters in the county, of which 981 are of the republican way of thinking, 514 are of democratic persuasion, and the balance scattered. This is an increase of 407 votes over the registration two years ago, and this year's registration books show a majority of 467 for the republicans.

Kutcher precinct leads all others in the county, with a total of 247 votes registered. Counting the registration blanks sent in from this precinct on the last day of registration, the total number of registered voters in the precinct is 264. Prineville precinct, which is second on the list in point of numbers, has only 213 registered. For those of our readers who find delight in making ante-election estimates of the result of the election, we are publishing the registration in the county, by precincts:

	Total	Rep	Dem
Prineville	213	114	92
Ashwood	69	46	13
Bear Creek	35	14	21
Beaver Creek	46	19	24
Bend	55	32	23
Black Butte	97	48	38
Breeze	18	14	3
Cross Keys	26	19	6
Camp Creek	30	20	10
Deschutes	41	23	15
Haystack	120	69	36
Howard	23	10	10
Haycreek	18	12	5
Hardin	4	4	
Ireland	27	20	5
Johnson Creek	38	21	14
Kutcher	247	158	45
Laidlaw	86	55	19
Lamonta	81	42	34
Montgomery	36	25	8
Mill Creek	26	11	13
McKay	53	29	21
Msury	20	10	10
Newsom	36	17	16
Powell Buttes	64	39	14
Redmond	68	61	7
Warm Springs	16	15	1
Willow Creek	40	28	10
Summit	7	6	1
Total	1639	981	514

CHANGE IN ROAD ASKED

H. H. Cook, J. A. Eades and other ranchers residing along that road, have petitioned the county court to change the Warm Springs-Prineville road from a point at the south line of Mr. Cook's ranch on north to where that road intercepts the Nisson road. At present the road as surveyed runs diagonally through seven ranches, and the petitioners ask that the road be changed so as to follow the half section line. If changed the road will run between the ranches instead of through them, and the increase in distance is very slight. The change should by all means be made.

FRUIT CROP RUINED

The spell of zero weather during March practically destroyed the fruit crop in this county, except in places where the orchards were protected, and even in such cases the buds of the tenderer fruits were frozen. William Beugh's peach crop at the Cove on Crooked river was totally destroyed, and there will be no peaches from that fruit ranch this year. Mr. Beugh is said to have ready for planting more than 3000 tomato plants.

Farm For Sale.

160 acres of best improved land; house and barn and out-buildings; 100 acres in wheat, one-half acre in orchard. Five miles north of Madras. Inquire of W. J. BRANSTETTER, Madras, Oregon.

RAILROAD IS COMING

LINE UP DESCHUTES TO BUILD AT ONCE

Right-of-Way Being Acquired Now--Actual Construction Will Begin Not Later Than May 10.

Central Oregon is going to be tapped by a railroad at once, and that road is coming up the Deschutes river from the Columbia. This is the important information brought on Monday by F. S. Gordon, engineer for the Oregon Trunk line, which is the name under which the line will be built into central Oregon. Mr. Gordon is here now buying right-of-way for the railway, and actual construction work will be begun not later than May 10.

The Oregon Trunk line is promoted by W. F. Nelson, of Seattle, who built the Dufur road last year, and who was behind the survey made up the Deschutes river last winter. Mr. Nelson has financed his railroad project up the Deschutes, and there is no doubt that work will be started at once. Mr. Gordon is emphatic in his statements that this road will be built, and says that Mr. Nelson has already given orders for the removal of his construction outfits to the mouth of the Deschutes, under instructions to begin work by the 5th of May. He thinks however, that it may be a week later before work begins.

At present Mr. Gordon is securing the right-of-way for the line. The first eighteen miles of right-of-way along the Deschutes was secured some weeks ago and the deeds have already been filed for record. Mr. Gordon secured deeds for right-of-way through a number of places lying on Willow creek gorge between this place and the Deschutes river, on Monday. Among those from whom he bought right-of-way are W. J. Corberd and J. E. Campbell and he has closed with most of the owners on the line along the Deschutes for right-of-way through their lands.

Mr. Gordon says that the Oregon Trunk line will be built up the Deschutes river, coming up Willow creek gorge to tap the immense wheat belt of this section, and that from this point the road will later be extended southward. Madras is the present objective point. It is not known with what railroad the Oregon Trunk line is affiliated, although it is assumed that Mr. Nelson is building the line independently of either the Harriman or the Hill roads. Information on this point has not been given out, although it has been hinted that at the mouth of the Deschutes is one of the best crossings on the Columbia river, affording easy connection with the Hill line on the north bank. It is not believed, however, that the Harriman interests would permit the Deschutes route to fall into the hands of Hill, thus virtually relinquishing to those interests the immensely important central Oregon country, as well as affording them an easy entrance into the Harriman territory in the south.

CELEBRATED EASTER

German Methodists Observe Day With Special Program.

Easter was celebrated by the German Methodists at the Methodist Hill church, last Sunday, in the regular German manner, over a hundred residents of that section attending the special services on that occasion. Among those who attended were also about a dozen English speaking friends of the Methodist Hill people.

A special musical program was prepared for the Easter occasion, and the different numbers on the program were well rendered. Easter Sunday is the occasion of special services at this church each year, and the exercises held last Sunday are said to have been the most successful special celebration yet held by the church.

A pleasant custom at these Easter celebrations is the presentation of Easter eggs to all who are present. Beginning with the father of the youngest child, who on this occasion was John Hoffman, the adult members of the church went forward and were presented with the beautifully decorated eggs. Numbers of them were also distributed among the audience, as a token of good will.

DAVIS RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Fred Davis received notice, last Friday, of his appointment as postmaster at Madras, and his bonds have been sent in to the department. As soon as the bond is approved his commission will be forwarded to him and he will take charge of the office. After he takes the office it will be moved across the street to his own building.

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TIME TABLE NO. 10.
Effective July 3, 1904.

STATION.	Daily Pass.	North Bound No. 1.
Biggs	11:50 a.m.	Arrive
Gilbons	11:19 a.m.	"
Shaka	11:10 a.m.	"
Wasco	11:00 a.m.	"
Klondyke Summit	10:45 p.m.	"
Haystack	10:40 a.m.	"
McDonalds	10:25 a.m.	"
DeMoss	10:22 a.m.	"
Meru	10:05 a.m.	"
Erskineville	9:55 a.m.	"
Grass Valley	9:37 a.m.	"
Bourbon	9:20 a.m.	"
Kent	8:55 a.m.	"
Willow	8:40 a.m.	"
Shaniko	8:30 a.m.	Leave

Notice of Constable Sale.
Notice hereby given that on the 19th day of May, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m., at Crook county, Oregon, there will be public auction, one wagon, for the highest bidder.
D. M. MATHES, Constable.