

# The Madras Pioneer

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## SPRING GOODS

A FULL LINE JUST RECEIVED  
FANCY DRESS GOODS A SPECIALTY

Summer Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Stockings, Shoes and Ribbons.  
Heavy Work Shirts, Hose, Shoes, Gloves, Suspenders, Etc.

Shirting, 5c to 12½c  
Towels, 10c to 25c  
Ladies' Muein Underskirts, 45c to \$1.25  
Corset Covers, 25c to 50c  
Indian Gloves, 75c to \$1.00

## LENA M. LAMB

Palmehn Building, Madras, Oregon

## People's Big Store

OUR SPECIALTY AD NEXT WEEK  
NEW GOODS ARRIVING FROM  
PORTLAND AND THE EAST

### FAR-SIGHTED HOUSEKEEPER

Learned by experience that we are carrying the most complete line of household necessities, and that we are pleased to show our goods and prices

### FANCY DRESS GOODS

Our dainty summer novelties in ladies dress goods are open and the prices are within reach of every lady's pocket books

### FURNISHINGS FROM WHICH TO SELECT

We are showing an attractive line of fancy shirts, neckwear and fancy socks for men. Sure to please.

### MACHINERY, WAGONS, ETC.

Barbed wire, hog wire, rabbit wire. A carload of superior drills, Canton Bottom and Disc plows. A new corn drill will be here in a few days. It may be a little late for this season, but don't fail to see the Studebaker—every person knows their value and we will have them.

## M. A. ROBINSON & CO.

## 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.

## TAGGART & BYE

Madras, Oregon

## A NEW COURT HOUSE

### COUNTY COURT RAILROADING CONTRACT

Great Indignation in Western Crook Over Evident Intention to Smuggle Contract Through.

Great is the indignation throughout Western Crook county over the discovered attempt of the county court of Crook county to railroad through a contract for a new court house. The first news of this purpose was conveyed in the following notice, published in the Oregon Daily Journal at Portland, in the classified ads department:

### NOTICE.

BIDS WANTED—Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received up to 10 o'clock a. m. of June 2, 1906, by the county court of Crook county, Oregon for the construction and completion of a court house building at Prineville, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications thereof made by W. D. Pugh, architect, Salem, Oregon.

That such plans and specifications can be examined at the office of W. D. Pugh, Salem, Oregon, from May 12 to May 17, and at the office of the Journal Publishing Company in Portland, Oregon, from May 18 to May 27, 1906, and at the office of the county clerk in Prineville, Oregon, from May 28 to June 2, 1906. Said bids to be accompanied by the check as provided in said specifications, and sealed and marked "Bids for Courthouse", and addressed to J. J. Smith, clerk Crook county, Oregon, at Prineville, Oregon. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the court,  
J. J. SMITH,  
Clerk Crook County, Oregon.

About a year ago there was some discussion in this county of the advisability of building a new court house, but so vigorous was the protest made by the large tax-payers residing outside of the county seat, that the project was apparently abandoned. Except for some occasional reference to Prineville's selfish desire to monopolize the benefits of taxation in this county while other sections bear the burden, the new courthouse episode was to all appearances closed. Like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky comes the announcement that the county court has already approved the project, and that bids for the contract for building the new court house are being advertised for.

A citizen and tax-payer of Western Crook county telephoned to Judge Bell on last Monday, asking him to explain the notice in the Portland Journal, and he was informed by the county judge that the matter had been under discussion in the county court for more than six months before definite action had been taken, and he pretended surprise that the matter was not of common knowledge. The fact is quite evident however, that there has been a studied attempt to prevent the public from knowing of the plan. On the first of the year a contract was made with the Crook County Journal, published at Prineville, whereby the county pays to that paper the sum of \$300 per annum for publishing the report of the proceedings of the county court.

Then, either the Crook County Journal has failed to perform that service, or the county court has been suppressing all matters relating to their purpose of building the court house, in order that the measure might be railroaded through without giving an opportunity to its opponents to enter a protest. Since the knowledge of their purpose leaked out, investigation is disclosing a well-laid conspiracy to sneak the measure through, irrespective of the

opposition of a large majority of the tax-payers of the county.

The call for bids fixes June 2, 1906, as the day upon which the bids will be opened—evidently an intention to bind the county by a contract before the election, so that their plans may not be upset by the result of the election, in case a Western Crook county man should be elected.

Meetings are being held throughout Western Crook, and the sentiment is unanimous that an outrage is being perpetrated by the county court. Although the time is short, a vigorous protest will be made against the letting of the contract, and if it is possible, some legal steps will be taken to restrain the county court from letting a contract, until the opponents of the plan have had an opportunity to be heard.

## WILL BE EXTENDED

### Portage Railroad To Be Completed From Terminus to The Dalles.

In accordance with the plan of the Business Men's Association to survey for the extension of the portage road to The Dalles, agreed upon several weeks ago, Surveyor F. S. Gordon, one of the most competent civil engineers in the state, will start out tomorrow morning with a crew of nine men, to begin the survey. They will commence at Big Eddy, where the portage road ends, and locate down to the Regulator dock, a distance of about four miles.

Mr. Gordon is of the opinion that it will require eight or ten days to complete the survey.

In company with the executive committee of the association, Messrs. Peters, Pease, Maier, Lake and Kelly, Mr. Gordon made the trip over the road this morning, planning the line of survey.

The report of the surveyors will be awaited with interest by people all over the state of Oregon, as the extension of the portage to this city has been greatly desired and is the key to the accomplishment of the purpose for which the portage road was constructed.—Chronicle.

## LIVINGSTON WINS CONTEST

### Local Land Office Renders Decision Against J. O. Rose, Homesteader.

J. W. Livingston has received notice that his contest against the homestead entry of John O. Rose has been decided in his favor, and that the defendant, Rose, would be allowed thirty days in which to appeal from the decision.

The decision in this case was rendered very promptly, the testimony having been taken before Max Lueddemann, a notary public, on the first day of the month. The homestead involved lies about a mile and a half southwest of this place, and it was contested on the grounds that Rose was not making his residence there as required by law. Only two witnesses were examined for the contestant, and the defendant rested his case after giving in his own testimony. Mr. Livingston received a favorable decision in the local land office in less than three weeks after the testimony was taken.

## NEW JOB PRINTING PLANT

The Pioneer office has been supplied with a brand new and up-to-date job printing plant, purchased last week in Portland and now being shipped in. Nothing but the best machinery and the newest type faces were bought, and there will not be a print shop in Central Oregon better equipped for turning out high-class job work than the Pioneer is. The new equipment includes a 10x15 Chandler & Price new style Gordon press, one of the most perfect, beautiful and serviceable machines the mechanical genius of the world has ever produced; a 23-inch Chandler & Price paper cutter, another perfect machine; and many new series of the very latest type faces, among them being the beautiful, dignified and adaptable Cheltenham Old-style, with harmonious selections of ornaments, borders, etc. The job plant was purchased from the Portland office of the American Type Founders Company, and was shipped last week. It is expected to have the plant installed by the end of the week.

## THE ELK DRUG STORE

Opposite The Green Hotel  
5th Street, Madras, Oregon

## OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Our elegant new line of goods is now open and we will be glad to have you call in and inspect the store. There is not an old nor second-hand article in our stock or equipment. Our drugs are fresh and clean and of the highest purity, and we make a specialty of prompt and accurate compounding. In our store you will find a new and up-to-date stock of Toilet Articles, Perfumes, Sponges, Notions and Druggists Sundries equal to any in Crook County. We will give prompt and courteous treatment to all, and if you want anything not in stock, will order it at once. Prices reasonable. I can be found at any hour of the night at the Green Hotel.

FRED J. DAMON, PROPRIETOR

## ARTESIAN WELL WATER

### WILL BORED WELLS GIVE FLOW HERE

Geological Formation Said To Be Favorable For Existence of Subterranean Water Pressure.

Can water be obtained by sinking deep wells in this section of Central Oregon, asks the Bend Bulletin, in an article in reference to the new drilling outfit which Frank Loveland has just purchased for use in this section.

Many who have studied conditions through Central Oregon believe that artesian wells can be obtained in many places by drilling far enough. In the Gilchrist and Price valleys in the southeastern part of Crook county, flowing wells have already been obtained, and many other localities in the county give strong indications of artesian well possibilities. One of these is the Haystack country.

In the summer of 1903, a crew of United States geological surveyors made a trip through this part of the state and the result of their work is given in an interesting government bulletin entitled, "Preliminary Report on the Geology and Water Resources of Central Oregon." Speaking of the Haystack country the report says:

"In the case of about 300 homes, situated to the west of Culver and south of Haystack, water for domestic use is transported in wagon tanks ranging from five to 10 miles. The one most essential thing on which the prosperity of this otherwise favored region is dependent is the procuring of a water supply adequate at least for household uses and for the maintenance of stock in sufficient numbers to carry on grain and hay ranches.

"As to the question of obtaining artesian water but little information is available, but that little is suggestive and warrants further study. On the east the Haystack country is bounded by uplands having a mature topography such as hills long exposed to the denuding agencies of the air and of rain and streams commonly present. These uplands were a part of the eastern border of Deschutes valley before it became deeply filled with volcanic dust, sand, gravel, etc., and flooded with lava. Its rocks are composed, so far as known, and judging from topographic forms seen at a distance, probably to a great extent of compact tuffs, in beds which dip westward and pass beneath the Deschutes plains. The hills when seen in profile from the south present long slopes on the western side and steep, rocky escarpments facing east. In a general way this structure is favorable to the hope of obtaining artesian water where the rocks referred to underlie the plain to the west. In the open-textured deposits beneath the surface sheet of basalt, there is a possibility that water pressures may exist, but an answer to this question can only be had by drilling test wells.

"One conclusion reached during my hasty visit which may be welcome to the residents of the region is that the conditions favoring agriculture are there so great that unusual efforts are justified in attempting to supply the demand for water."

The crew of government geological surveyors referred to above camped at Culver in the summer of 1903, and they did

not come into this immediate section, which explains their reference to the "Haystack country" without any mention of the Agency Plains lying immediately north. To those who are familiar with the similarity in the formation of all the high plateau lands in this section, however, it is patent that the report with reference to the Haystack country is equally applicable to this section, and all attempts to get deep water in either section will be watched with much interest.

## GOOD WORDS FOR BAYLEY

Former Acquaintance Says He Will Make a No. 1 Commissioner.

The Laidlaw Chronicle is in receipt of a letter from one who has for years known R. H. Bayley, the republican candidate for county commissioner. The writer speaks very highly of Mr. Bayley and recommends him to the voters of Crook county. The communication reads:

KELSO, Wash.—Dear Sir: I have known Mr. Bayley for the past sixteen years and I also know his brothers, one of whom resides here at present. "The Bayley boys", as they are familiarly known here, always stood well in this community, and come from the right kind of stock. If the people of Crook county want an upright, honest man in the office of county commissioner and one who possesses the ability to know what the cost of a piece of road or the building of a bridge would be; and a man who will look well to the interests of the tax-payers' money, then the people of Crook county will make no mistake in voting for R. H. Bayley.

Yours respectfully,  
S. S. STRAIN.

P. S.—Mr. Editor: I heartily wish Mr. Bayley success, and only wish I could favor him with my vote. Boost him all you can.—S. S. STRAIN.

## PUTER CAPTURED

S. A. D. Puter, convicted of complicity in the Oregon land frauds, and who made a sensational escape from Secret Service Agent Burns in Boston a few weeks ago, was captured in Alameda, California, on last Monday as he was returning from a visit to his wife at Berkeley. After his escape in Boston, Puter completely disappeared and it was thought he had made good his escape. Nothing more was heard of him until he was apprehended on Monday. His family resides at Berkeley, and it is thought that anxiety for them on account of the recent earthquake was responsible for his presence in that neighborhood.

Puter made his escape from Burns in Boston, by drawing a pistol and covering the secret service agent while he backed off, and when he was arrested in Alameda, he attempted again to draw a weapon, but he was covered by the secret service men who captured him. Puter says that he was getting ready to leave for China when arrested.

## NEW BUILDING

A. C. Sanford has begun the construction of his new store building, to be occupied by the firm of Sanford, Sill & Company, on the corner of Fifth and C streets. The building will be 80 feet long and 25 feet wide, and will be built so that the floor space can be doubled when it is required. Excavation is being made now for a large cellar under the building, and as soon as lumber and material can be put on the ground, the building will be hurried to completion.

The old firm of Sanford & Sill has been reorganized, and incorporated with a capital of \$25,000. They will conduct their hardware and implement business at this place.

Excellent chicken dinner at the Green Hotel, Sunday, only 25 cents.