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## WILL DRILL DEEP WELLS

D. I. & P. CO. HAS ORDERED OUTFIT

Will Try To Get Artesian Water On Their Desert Lands Near Bend and Redmond.

The Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company will make a thorough test of the feasibility of getting deep well water on their lands in the Bend and Redmond sections, and with this object in view they have ordered a complete drilling outfit, capable of drilling to a depth of 1000 feet. Wells will be sunk in the Redmond and Bend neighborhoods as soon as the drill arrives, and the depth to which they have prepared to drill indicates the extent of the experiment they will make in that direction.

Officers of the company who have made a thorough study of the question believe that water can be had at a depth of between 300 and 400 feet. The work of drilling will be in the hands of an expert driller from the East. It is even believed by members of the company that artesian water may be secured within the depth indicated.

The D. I. & P. Company realizes the importance of the question of a pure water supply in any country, and especially in an irrigation district where the population will, in time, be large. The present water supply at Redmond is secured from the company's main ditch, and in addition to being warm and unpalatable, after running through the open ditch for 25 miles, it is also believed to be not altogether wholesome, and most of those who use this water first boil it before using. If it should be demonstrated that good, pure water can be secured in wells at a depth of 300 to 400 feet, it will mean a solution of this difficult problem for that country.

If water should be found within the depth named at Bend and Redmond, it will also stimulate an effort in this section to solve the very troublesome water question, by sinking deep wells. The geological character and formation of this section is quite similar to that along the Deschutes near Redmond and Bend, and if water can be secured by drilling there, there are those who will make a more determined effort here to secure deep water. Some time ago Frank Loveland started to drill a well on the north end of the Plains, but this was discontinued after a depth of only a little more than 110 feet was reached. Very little hope was entertained by the settlers of the Plains of securing water at that depth, but Mr. Strain, who was having the well sunk, concluded to discontinue it for the present, when that depth had been reached.

## BIG FAIR AT REDMOND

D. I. & P. Company Offers \$1500 in Prizes for Crook County Products.

Preparations are being made for a big fair and baseball tournament at Redmond, in this county, on September 20, 21 and 22, and an aggregate of \$1500 will be offered in prizes for various kinds of farm products. The prizes will be divided into two classes, one consisting of prizes for products grown upon

the irrigated lands of that district, and the other for the products of the rest of the county. The money for the prizes will be offered by the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., and it is done for the purpose of advertising the company's lands and promoting the farming industry of the county.

Farmers of this locality who have agricultural products of any kind worth exhibiting should secure a list of the premiums offered, and enter the contest. Much good advertising results from these fairs.

A baseball tournament is also being arranged to take place at Redmond during the fair, and another of the attractions will be a football game between county teams.

## A SUBTERRANEAN LAKE

STRUCK BY RANCHER DIGGING A WELL

Body of Excellent Water Tapped At 81 Feet in Hill Near North End of Agency Plains.

James Spicer, who lives about two miles east of the Fred Fisher place in township 10-14, had the good fortune to strike a plentiful supply of water in the well which he was drilling on his place, one day last week. The Spicers dug their well down for fifty feet with pick and shovel, and from that depth were sinking it with a hand drill, when at a depth of 81 feet the drill broke through into what is apparently a subterranean lake, or body of water. The hole is only five inches in diameter, and since striking the body of water they have been drawing up water for all ranch and household purposes in one of the long narrow well buckets with bottom valve. The water is cool and clear, and the supply appears inexhaustible, although the body of water or subterranean lake is less than two feet deep.

The Spicer homestead is situated in the range of hills east of the Fisher place, and the finding of a body of water is all the more remarkable owing to the location of the ranch. Several other wells have been sunk near Fisherville, but in every case they have been on much lower ground, and the water supply has come from small springs which were tapped by the well. The Spicer ranch is probably not to exceed 100 feet lower than Agency Plains.

## GRASS HOPPERS AT PENDLETON

Parties coming down from Pendleton tell of a queer experience Sunday night in that city, which for three hours was covered with Kansas pests. At 8 o'clock grasshoppers began to light on the buildings and by 10 the business houses were a living mass of hoppers, which had the appearance of being newly hatched. To all appearance they were traveling from east to west, but where they came from and whence they went no one knew, for they had skidded Monday morning.—The Dallas Chronicle.

## NOT SO BAD AS THIS

As in Wasco county, the heat in Crook county was intense and it is estimated that sixty per cent. of the grain has been parched beyond redemption. There are a few exceptions, and Mr. Hudson says Fred Fisher is among the producers who will have a fairly good yield.—Chronicle.

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