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At 350 Feet A Strong Flow of Water Struck on Dave Barnett's Ranch Eight Miles South of Madras.

Dave Barnett has struck a fine flow of water in the well which he was having drilled by Frank Loveland on his place about eight miles south of Madras. The water was found at a depth of about 350 feet, and there is apparently an inexhaustible supply of it. On Monday they attempted to pump the well dry, taking out an eighteen foot bucket of water every two minutes during a period of two and three-quarter hours, and there was no apparent decrease in the amount of water in the well.

When Mr. Barnett began on this well a month or more ago, it was for the double purpose of trying to get water and also following up an oil prospect which had been struck in that neighborhood several years ago. Most of our readers are familiar with the story of the mild oil excitement created about two years ago by the discovery of strong evidences of petroleum in a well on the Barnett place, and it was for the purpose of further prospecting that Mr. Barnett began to drill this new well. At a depth of about 250 feet there were strong indications of petroleum in the new hole which was being drilled, but below that depth they encountered a red granite formation, when the indications of oil ceased. Mr. Barnett is quite pleased at his success in securing water, which in that district is almost if not quite as valuable as an oil well would be. For twenty-three years he has hauled all of the water used on his ranch, and it is a great relief at last to have plenty of water for all purposes right at the ranch. And, incidentally, the value of his ranch is greatly increased.

The well on the Barnett place was drilled with Frank Loveland's new drilling outfit, which is one of the best drilling machines ever brought into this section. The drill alone weighs about 1500 pounds, and the machine has a capacity of 1200 feet. Since Mr. Barnett has demonstrated the possibility of getting water within a reasonable distance, it is likely that Mr. Loveland will have about all that he can do with his machine. He is next going to drill for the Harveys on the Little Plains, and he expects to have his machine set up and ready to begin drilling there by the first part of next week.

IS THIS RUSSIAN THISTLE

EDITOR PIONEER.
Dear Sir: I would like to ask a question through your paper: What does a Russian thistle look like? Do they look anything like a Canadian thistle?

We have a weed here in the Opal Prairie district that looks something like a tumble weed at a distance, yet they are not so thick in the bunch as the tumble weed. They are of a pinkish blue color. Some of these weeds are three feet across. Some people here think they are a new kind of tumble weed, while others say they are the Russian thistle. Some fields have a great many of these weeds scattered over them, mine included.

If this weed is Russian thistle, all farmers having them on their ranches are liable to a fine. There are lots of these weeds scattered along the roads in places. There seems to be but little attention paid to them in this section of the country. They are left to get ripe, then in the Fall when seeding time

comes they are torn loose from the ground by harrow, drill or other means, and left to be blown off to other parts of the country, scattering seeds for miles.

I have been told by parties who have visited Lone, east of the John Day river, that this same weed is taking the country over there, and the way things look it will surely take this country too in a short time. The road supervisor had better wake up, if this is the Russian thistle. Their fine for neglect of duty is from \$50 to \$150. Yours truly,

R. V. JENKINS.
R. F. D. No. 1, Madras.

HE EXPOSES LAND RING

PUTER MAKES CONFESSION TO GET EVEN

Tells The Secrets of Land Fraud Operations in This State—Prominent Politicians Involved.

Stephen A. Douglas Puter took the stand for the government in the Blue Mountain Reserve case, last Thursday, and by the most sensational confession made since the government began its investigations in this state, laid bare all of the secrets of that plot and others to rob the United States of its public lands. By his testimony he implicated some of the most prominent politicians in the state, not only in this case, but in all the network of frauds and corrupt practices which the government investigation has unearthed. His testimony filled in the gaps and furnished the strongest link in the chain of evidence against F. P. Mays, W. N. Jones, George Sorenson, Binger Hermann, ex-Congressman Williamson and the late Senator Mitchell, against whom the indictment in the case now on trial was returned.

In his story, complete as to names and dates and plainly true, he reveals all the secrets of the land fraud ring, showing the actual partnership of that coterie of politicians, who aided and directed the thieves who did the actual stealing and took from them the captain's share of the plunder. Puter did not spare himself, nor did he spare those who had been his former confederates, but who had left him to his own resources when the government had him in its toils.

Puter's confession was prompted by the treatment accorded him by Mays and his associates. When Puter was arrested in the famous "11.7" cases, he appealed to Mays and Jones for help in securing bail, but was turned down by his former confederates—"passed me up like a white chip" he says. His confession was for the purpose of playing even.

Puter's story was followed in the evening by the testimony of Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, who testified as to Williamson's connection with the Blue Mountain case. Dr. Smith's story was that in September, 1902, after the withdrawal of the lands for the reserve had been made, Williamson came to him and induced him to take a third interest in 13,000 acres of school lands he had bought, lying adjacent to the withdrawal, for the purpose of having it included in the reserve for "scripping" purposes. This deal cost Dr. Smith \$2207, for the enlargement of the reserve which Williamson expected to secure through his "pull" never materialized, and the school lands reverted to the state.

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R. F. Outcault
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Higgs	11:50 a.m.		
Gilmore	12:15 a.m.		
Wicks	12:40 a.m.		
Wason	1:00 a.m.		
Kendyle	1:45 a.m.		
Summit	1:45 a.m.		
Hay C. Jr.	2:24 a.m.		
McIntosh	3:02 a.m.		
DeWoe	3:30 a.m.		
More	3:55 a.m.		
Grainville	4:27 a.m.		
Oras Valley	5:20 a.m.		
Bourbon	6:25 a.m.		
Cent	8:40 a.m.		
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Madras	8:50 a.m.		
	8:50 a.m.		Leave.

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