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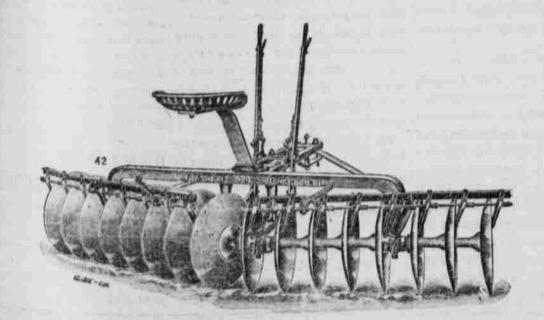
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Falls Over Entire Central Ore gon Country

RAILROAD WASHOUTS DELAY THE MAILS

Stagnation Results But Inconvenlence More Than Offset By Moisture Stored In Soil

The heaviest snow storm of the season fell over the Central Oregon country last Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night and as a consequence mail service is demoralized, travel almost impossible, and the general stagnation of snow-bound condition is prevailing throughout this portion of the state. The snowfall was from one to two and one-half feet deep, and is general over the Central Oregon region.

The storm was accompanied by thawing conditions and the Columbia Southern railway company has been unable to run its trains on account of numerous washouts and slides, and no railroad mail has reached Crook county since last Thursday. On the main line of the O. R. & N. much damage to the road is also reported. It is stated that the new steel bridge across the that stream has been undermined by the floods so as to make it unsafe for trains to

The announcement comes from Shaniko that there will be no mails before the first of the week, at the earliest, and possibly not then. The serious washouts on the Columbia Southern are said to be in Hay canyon between Moro and Wasco, and as there is no locomotive on the Shaniko end of the line, connections by transferring cannot be made. A hand-car is the only rolling stock capable of locomotion on the 50 miles of track south of the washouts.

At Madras the snow reached a depth of 14 inches on the level of the streets. At Culver and vicinity it was 18 inches deep. Further south in the Bend country it was between 2 and 3 feet deep.

Last Thursday night about 6 inches of snow fell in this immediate neighborhood, when the ground was already a loblolly of mud and water and moisture was sinking deep into the soil. On Friday night the heavy snow fell on top of this and continued falling until the ground was covered to a been no time during the storm when the thermometer regis of warm rains and thawing than at present.

weather, and while the snow WHEAT MILLING TESTS has been melting rapidly and considerable water is running away on the surface, much of the moisture is going deep into the soil, and more favorable conditions for the general prosbe imagined than those now prevailing.

Fall-sown grain is growing beneath the snow, and the soil is in perfect condition to absorb the moisture, which has already percolated to a depth of 18 inches and more. Such desirable crop conditions have for many years.

And again on Tuesday he made the round trip, bringing the county mail.

COYOTE MAKES A RAID

A bold bad coyote made a raid on Mrs. Lena Lamb's pig pen last Friday night and came near making away with about 75 pounds of very fresh pork. At about 10 o'clock that night the household was aroused at the new home on the western Deschutes river at the mouth of limits of the townsite by the squealing of a pig, and Mr. Adams hastened to the rescue, but the coyote had got his meat and was making for the rimrock above, and the squealing of the porker was all that Mr. Adams had to guide him as he followed after in hot pursuit. Not until Mr. Adams was almost upon him did the coyote give up his efforts to kill the pig, and even as it was he succeeded, for the pig died after being taken back to the barn. It was a good-sized shote weighing at least 75 pounds, and it seems quite a feat of strength for so light an animal as a coyote to perform, getting the heavy struggling porker out of the pen, and then making off with him ou the run up the steep hill, through the sagebrush and rocks covered with snow, for a quarter of a mile, but that is what this coyote

I. O. O. F. ORCANIZATION POSTPONED

The Odd Fellows from Prineville who were to assist in the organization of the new lodge of that order in Madras last Saturday evening, were unable to come on account of the deep snow. They started out Saturday morning, six men in one slushy snow. The ground was four-horse rig, but after coming completely thawed and the six miles their team showed so much weariness that they concluded they could not make the 35 mile trip and returned home, notifying the Madras people by telephone that they Monday morning at which time could not come. Another date will have to be set by the offidepth of 14 inches, there having cers of the Grand Lodge for the installation of the order in Madras, and that will probably be when weather conditions tered much below the freezing give better promise of allowing undermined, letting that portion point. The days following such arrangements to be carhave been marked by the fall ried out with more assurance safe for heavy loads to cross

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perity of the country could not BLUESTEM LEADS AS A BREADMAKER

Amount of Moist Gluten Contained In Flour Considered Main Feature in Determining Value

The Washington experiment station at Pullman has been conducting a number of experinot been known in this region mental tests of the milling values of various varieties of wheat The greatest inconvenience grown in that state, the result is the inability to get any mail of which tests may be of interfrom the outside world. Thurs- est to the farmers of this secday of last week was the last tion. Nineteen different varieday on which the railroad mail ties were tested, coming from reached Madras, and on only 25 different shipping points. two days since then has any Each sample was analyzed; a county mail been received. part of it was then milled in an John Lockard, the Madras- experimental roller and the per-Heisler mail carrier, braved the centage of yield of flour, bran weather last Saturday and and shorts determined; next the brought in the county mail, re- amount of moist and dry glue turning to Heisler on Sunday. which the flour would yield was ascertained; sponge and baking tests were made, and finally the feeding value of the bran and shorts was estimated.

The amount of moist gluten which a flour will yield is commonly asserted as the best test of the value of any wheat for milling purposes. Other things, such as the quality of the gluten, the color of the flour, the ability of the flour to absorb and hold the proper amount of moisture in baking, were also considered in judging the quality of the wheat. Those wheats which produce flour containing large amounts of gluten-producing ingredients are, however, apt to be good in other qualities, or can be improved by blending with other wheats in milling, and hence a high gluten percentage is the first thing to be desired in good milling

The results of the gluten tests showed Bluestem to lead as a breadmaker. Sixteen samples, testing from 20 to 42 per cent, averaged 30.29 per cent gluten. Turkey Red was next, seven samples running from 20 to 43 per cent, averaged 29.94 per cent. Other varieties and their averages were: Macaroni 29.48, Red Chaff 25.38, Little Club 24.27, Forty:fold 23.68, Fife 21-.22, Red Russian 19.98. This was 1905 wheat, and the average percentages from these tests probably show the relative values of these several varieties for bread-making purposes. The variation in the yield of gluten from different samples of the same variety is found to be due to the difference in climate where the wheat was grown. The dryer and hotter the weather during the period of ripening of the grain, the richer the grain in those ingredients which yield gluten in the flour.

Willow creek went on the rampage last Tuesday and was running bank full that evening and roaring like a mighty river where it entered the canyon just below town. The wagon bridge at the north end of main street was for a time in danger of being washed away, the water rising to within about eight inches of the stringers. As it was, the middle bents were of the bridge settle considerably, so that it is not considered lover it.