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## WATER STRUCK ON AGENCY PLAINS AT 400 FEET

### Work of Drilling Successful

### SOLVES THE WATER PROBLEM

Fifty Feet of Water Stands in The Magill Well

### STEAM WHISTLE TELLS GOOD NEWS

Inexhaustible Supply Clear, Cold and Palatable Water—Goodbye to the Water Wagon

The water problem on Agency Plains was solved last Wednesday afternoon when a good supply of pure, cold water was struck at a depth of 400 feet in the well which was being sunk on the W. F. Magill ranch. The drill had reached a depth of 400 feet and was sinking in a soft clay formation when water was first encountered, and when abandoned for the evening, water was gradually rising in the drilled hole. Next morning it stood at a depth of 30 feet in the well when drilling was resumed. It was decided, however, in spite of this fine showing, to sink through the soft formation, and twenty feet was drilled during the day, by which time the water had risen to a height of fifty feet in the well. The water is clear, cold and palatable, and the supply is believed to be practically inexhaustible.

The news of the lucky strike on the Plains was soon noised about, and was the sole topic of conversation on the streets during the day. Agency Plain lies nearly 1100 feet above the Deschutes River, and it has been contended by many, with every appearance of good reason for the contention, that water could not be had until the level of the river was reached. The fine flow encountered at a depth of 400 feet explodes this theory, and promises a comparatively easy solution of a problem that has heretofore appeared too difficult for the small rancher to undertake to solve. Others will now follow the lead of the company of ranchers who found the solution of the difficulty and established the feasibility of securing water within a reasonable depth, and in a few years every ranch in that community may be expected to have its supply of good water for all domestic purposes.

The effect upon property values in that locality cannot be estimated. Lack of water for household purposes was the greatest handicap from which the district suffered, and prospective purchasers of land on the Plains "balked" when it was discovered that they would have to haul water for distances of from five to ten miles. Heretofore the ranchers on the Plains have hauled water from

Madras, and the expense and loss of time have retarded the development of the country.

In the immediate neighborhood of the well, the striking of a big flow of water caused as much excitement as would have been produced by an "oil gusher," and a number went over to confirm the good news as soon as it became noised about. It was promised by the drillers that if the supply increased the whistle would be sounded, and next morning when the drilling was resumed, the whistle was kept going continually. It answered the double purpose of giving vent to their own feelings, and notifying the neighborhood of the successful termination of their labors.

The well is a community well, having been drilled by a number of ranchers residing in the neighborhood of the Magill ranch. Those interested in the enterprise are A. P. Clark, Peter Kilburg, J. Strain, Rosco Gard, G. W. Conard, W. F. Magill, H. M. Blackerby, and Sam Edmondson. A pump and a small engine will be put in at once, to supply those who are interested in the well, after which doubtless there will be sufficient water to supply others. Several other ranchers have already announced their intention of putting down wells at once. The point where the Magill well is drilled has no advantages of location over other ranches on the Plains, as far as the surface indications can be read, and others drilling are as apt to strike water at the same depth, or less, as they are to have to go farther. There is the same chance that there was before, but with something definite to go on as to the depth necessary, there will be more heart for the enterprise.

### OPEN FINE TIMBER LAND

Fremont Reserve May Be Soon Opened To Entry

Timber seekers have their eyes on the Fremont Reserve in the southern part of this county, which contains some of the finest timber lands in the state, and which will be thrown open to entry within a short time. The Fremont reserve contains more than 350,000 acres, much of it fine yellow pine timber land. It will be thrown open for entry in the same manner now being adopted in opening up for entry a small tract on the Matones River. It will be open for occupation and settlement for thirty days before entry is allowed, during which period right to the land may be initiated by "squatting" upon the land, and which gives the settler a preference right when the land is open for entry. It is believed that as soon as the order is issued permitting settlement on the Fremont Reserve there will be a stampede of timber seekers to secure the fine claims which the reserve contains. This stampede will be augmented by the fact that the timber lands are increasing in value and are now bringing about \$150 per thousand stumps. The Fremont Reserve lies in the southern portion of this county, beginning about eight miles south of Bend.

The opening up of the Fremont Reserve for entry is

### HIGH SCHOOL CARRIES

School Voters Favor Its Establishment at Madras

THE VOTE WAS ALMOST UNANIMOUS

Matter of Closing Schoolhouse For Use of Churches Voted On—One Majority in Favor of Closing

Considerable interest was manifested at the annual school meeting held in this district last Monday, several questions of importance to the district being voted upon, in addition to the election of a school director and clerk. John McTaggart was elected director for the ensuing term, to succeed John Mayes, and S. E. Gray was re-elected clerk of the district.

The question of establishing a high school at this place, under the provisions of the law recently enacted, was submitted to the voters and carried almost unanimously, only one vote being recorded against it. On this subject two questions were submitted, one for the establishment of a union high school and the other for the establishment of a district high school should the union high school project fall through. Both questions carried with little opposition to them, and the attitude of the voters of the district was quite clear on the question of improving the school facilities of the district.

Another question which was submitted to the voters of the district was that of permitting the several church organizations of this place to use the building as a place of worship. For some time this question has been a mooted one, many objecting to the use of the building for other than school purposes, and others claiming the privilege for the churches until they had church buildings in which to worship. The question was submitted to the voters of the district for the purpose of ascertaining their wishes on the subject, and the decision was in favor of closing the building except for school purposes. The vote, however, was very close, 13 voting for a closed building and 12 voting for the churches. The vote was a tie up to the last vote, and it required that vote to decide. This decision is, of course, not final, as the school directors have the right to grant or refuse permission for the churches to use the building, but it is likely that the wishes of the voters in the district will be regarded by them, as it was for this purpose that the vote was taken.

It is expected to be announced within a few weeks. Large tracts which were temporarily withdrawn from entry for forestry purposes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and which have not heretofore been created into National reserves, will be thrown open at the same time. The restoration of these tracts to entry has been recommended by the forestry service for the reason that reserves cannot now be created except by act of Congress, and such legislation would be difficult to obtain at this time, for which reason tracts temporarily withdrawn will be restored.

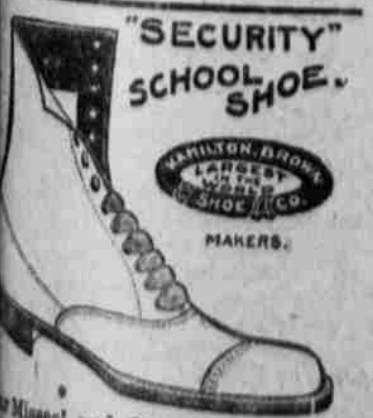
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