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THURSDAY

June 20, 1907

#### A WORD OF CONGRATULATION

Mr. Magill and those who are interested with him in the community well on Agency Plain are to be congraturated upon the success of their ven ture. They have earned, too. the commendation of their neighbors for the steadfastness of their purpose, which terms nated so luckily for them al-It was no small task to under take, and a disheartening one. too, with the many adversopinions that were expressed Their reward is a great one. however, as is also that of the community which has had its most difficult prob lem so easily solved. With out water for all domestic pur poses, Agency Plains would have always been handicapped as a farming district. With it. the Plains will become one of the most prosperous farming districts of the sta e. The way has been pointed out, and others will follow. The Magi well doesn't mean that water can be found anywhere on the Plains at 400 feet depth, but it does mean that the old theory of having to go below the leve of the river is exploded. To find water on other ranches ma require a little more effort, or just as likely a little less, bu with something definite to go on there will be plenty of heart for the undertaking.

J. E. Gardner and P. S. Han sen, of Portland, engineers in the employ of the Mt. Hoon Railway, were in town last Monday, on their way up the Deschutes. They gave out no information concerning the purpose of their visit, but from numerous inquiries made by them regarding the Matoles them to follow up the Deschutes it is inferred that they are making a reconnoisance for a route up the river. They are horseback, and are carrying very little extra baggage. The Mt. Hood railway is an electric line now under construction from Portland to Government Camp, near the base of Mi Hood. It is said that a good grade could be secured for a about half the retail price. railroad through the Barlow Pass into this country and on south into Central Oregon.

In the Redmond country raw land that can be irrigated is valued at \$40 per acre, while non trrigable land is valued at \$2.50, or irrigable land is worth 16 times as much. Ap plying these figures to the lands of this section where there is no irrigation, the average land here, with irrigation. would be worth upwards of \$100 per acre-and it would be worth it, too. And it is within the bounds of possibilities that An a few years parties desiring to buy in this district may have to look the figure of \$100 per acre in the face, irrigation or no irrigation.

A petition is being prepared, asking for a Sunday mail at Magras, and will be forwarded to the department as soon as signatures have been secured. The amount of business done at this office entitles it to the increase from a six-days' service to a daily, and it is probable that the increase in the service will be promptlw granted.

## The Madras Pioneer WILL SOON VISIT HERE is the best. McTaggart & Bye.

Biologist Piper Will Visit The Sage Rats at Their Homes

NO FIELD TESTS FOR THIS SEASON

But Next Spring He Will Return and Mix The "Dope" That Means Death to the Sage Rats

In a recent letter to the editor of this paper, Mr. S. E. Piper, who has charge of the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture and is conducting experiments at Pullman, Washington, states that he does not expect to be able to conduct field tests with the inoculation of sage rats in this locality, during the present season, but if possible he expects to visit this section soon, to acquaint, himself with conditions, with a view to beginning the field tests here early next season.

Some time ago a box of sage rats were poses, the experiments being conducted at the experiment station at Pullman. These tests have so far proved highly satisfactory, and Mr. Piper is confident that the sage rat pest will be entirely eradicated by this process. The pre ent experiments are being conducted on caged rats, the rats being inoculated with a virus which produces make final five-year proof in suppora deadly, contagious disease, and the results being carefully studied with a view to ascertaining not only the effect upon the rats, but the possible danger contagion to other animals. Later field tests will be made, the rats to be stoner, at his office in Madras, Or gon, inoculated and turned loose.

Mr. Piper has requested a new shipment of the sage rats from this locality, in order to continue the experiments at Pullman, and more rats will be gathered at once, if possible, and shipped to him. 16 Jv4 As soon as the experiments with this lot are completed, he expects to visit this section in person, to study the conditions so that the field tests can be taken up here early next season.

#### CHANGES IN TEXT

Sweeping Changes Made In Books

The state text book commission has nade sweeping changes in the text books employed in the public schools of this state, only four of the books heretofore used being retained. These are the fourth and fifth Cyr's readers, Thomas's Elementary history and the Reed peller. It is generally believed that | 16 J. 11 the changes are well-advised and that the commission has made an excellent choice in the selection of the new books to be substituted. Improvements in text books in recent years, and in the methods of presenting the different subcountry and the best route for jects taught, are responsible for the sweeping changes.

> The principal changes are the substitution of Wheeler's readers up to the third, the adoption of Smith's arithmetic in place of Wentworth's, Buehler's grammars in place of Reed & Kellogg's, the adoption of Natural geographics instead of Frye's, and Doub's United States History instead of Thomas's. The cost of the new books is practically the same as the old. To exchange an entire set of old books for a set of new ones on the same subjects will cost \$4.51, Oregon. the exchange price being on an average the

#### UNUSUAL COLD SPELL

This section experienced very unusual weather last week, the last three days in the week being the coldest June weather that has ever been known here. There was from a quarter to a half inch of ice on Friday morning, and considerable damage was done to garden truck of all kinds. There was no frost but the tender plants froze and were killed! So far as can be learned there was no damage to the growing grain, although it was feared that much of it would be injured by the unusual, cold weather. Potato vines were killed down but it is believed that they will sprout again, while most of the other garden vegetables will have to be replanted. This weather is very unusual at this season, and follows a most unusual Spring, the season having been very late and an exceptionally rainy one. There was a decided change in the weather at the end of the week, a rain Saturday night being followed by warm weather on Sunday, and this week Central Oregon having its first touch of real Sammer weather this year.

Reports from the grain crop of this section continue to be encouraging. While there are some exceptions the majority of the farmers report good prospects of a heavy yield, and the crops are not yet suffering for want of rain. The grain is heading out, and looks better than it has at any time in the past three years.

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#### sent to Mr. Piper for experimental pur- B. S. LARKIN, MADRAS, OR.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the interior Land Office as The Dalles, Oregon, May 28, 1907.

No ice is hereby given tout William O. Belknap, of Mudras, Or., has filed notice of his intention, to of his claim, viz:

Homestead Entry No 10903 made May 17, 1902, for the 1 36 el and 15 w 4 of sec 5, tp 12 s, r 13 s, w m. And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commisn July 9, 19:7

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation o', the band, viz: D W Barnet, Fred Green, both of Cuiver, Oregon; W. J. Richards, R. H. Barnett, both of Marras, Oregon. C. W. MOORE Register

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalley, Oregon. May 28 1907

Notice is hereby given that John Lawler, of Ashwood, Oregon, ias filed notice of his intention to nake final five year proof in support of his claim, vizi

Homesteat Evry No. 8440 made August 10, 1900, for the Lots 1 3 and se 40e 4 sec 1, tp 11 s, r 16 s, w

And that said proof will be made sefare the County Clerk at Prineville,

Oregon, on July 12, 1907. He names the following witnesses to rove his continuous residence up-n and cultivation of, the land, viz: A G Kithbee, Colburn McPherson, of Hascreek, Oregon; Chester & McCor kle, Knox D Husson, or Ashana, Or

C. W. MOORE, Register

#### Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. Notice for Publication

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon June 6, 1997 Notice is hereby given that in compliance

with the provisions of the set of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Ore-gon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land States by act of August 4, 1892, Wittiam F. Eads,

of Antelope, County of Wasso, State of Oregon has, on February 12, 1907, filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2803, for the purchase of the elinely of sec 2t, tp.11 s. r 16 s. w m.
And will offer proof to show that the
tand sought is more valuable for its timberor stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land
before the Register and Receiver at The
Dailes, Oregon, on the 28th day of August,
1907.

He names as witnesses: Thomas H. Hurl-burt, of Shaniko, Oregon: Horace G. Kibbee, of Antelope, Oregon; K. Dean Huston, of Ash-wood, Oregon; Al. Eastwood, of Princeville, Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 25th day of August, 1997.

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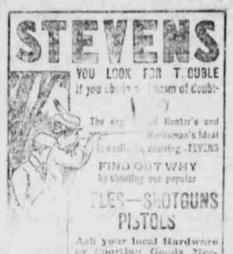
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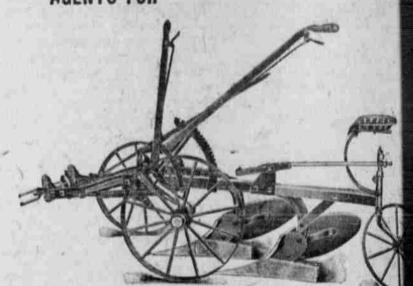
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