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A DENIAL FROM MR. COTTON

Mr. W. W. Cotton, whose attention had been called to an editorial which appeared in the Pioneer criticising a statement attributed to him by the press reports of the Spokane hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., a few weeks ago, took occasion while here last week to deny most emphatically that he had made any such statement. The statement criticised was to the effect that "all of Central Oregon is not worth scrapping over." He says that he was misquoted, and that no such statement was made by him with reference to Central Oregon. In explanation, Mr. Cotton says that this section of Oregon was not under discussion. That the point at issue and upon which argument was being heard related only to territory tributary to Spokane as a jobbing center, and that in his argument he pointed to the Walla Walla country, referring to it as the good country, and then, pointing across that section which lies between the Cascades and a line running North from Wallula, "all this is not worth scrapping over." He states that his reference was only to the amount of traffic involved from that section, which has only three towns of any importance whatever. He says that the press reports misrepresented him and place him in a false light.

In this connection Mr. Cotton might be reminded that the press of Central Oregon is quick to resent flings at this territory, and that if they are "touchy" on the subject, the failure of the Harriman interests whom he represents, to give this territory the railroad facilities it is entitled to, is in a large measure responsible for that attitude. Central Oregon wants a railroad, and it believes with some show of justice that not only have the Harriman interests failed to supply the much-needed rail transportation, but that they have kept other railroads out of this territory. The statement credited to Mr. Cotton was only criticised as reflecting the attitude of the Harriman interests towards Central Oregon.

Mr. Cotton has been out through Central Oregon several times, and there is no doubt about what he thinks of this country. He exhibited unusual interest while here last week, and expressed himself as greatly pleased with the big crops and the abundant evidences of the productiveness of our soil which he saw on this trip.

Stockmen are beginning to realize the wisdom of the Government's policy regarding the pasturage of stock on the national forest reserves, the improvement of the range in the reserves being attributed to the wise supervision of the Government, which restricts the number of head of stock permitted to graze in them. Instead of the range being denuded of grass, it affords good pasturage through the Summer and sheep and cattle come from the mountains in the Fall in good condition to go through a hard Winter. Government supervision is benefiting the stockmen, as well as protecting the watersheds of the state.

The damp season and constantly improving methods of dry farming have combined to make the output this season unprecedented. The newer parts of the county—Agency Plains and the newly irrigated sections in the Deschutes country—never before had so much ground in cultivation and the initial crop will be heavy. The Madras country is a mammoth grainfield. The crops in that vicinity consist principally of wheat and barley, with other grains in smaller quantity. The question with the people over there is a market, and steps have already been taken to haul the surplus to Shaniko so that the outside markets can be reached.—Journal.

J. F. Blanchard of Madras is spending a few days at the Normal Institute. In speaking of the work done there Mr. Blanchard says that it will compare favorably with that of any of the Summer normals that are being held throughout the state, and thinks it will be of great value to the teacher in school work. Mr. Blanchard has a State certificate and hence it is not necessary for him to take the work. It might be mentioned in passing that the young man is regarded by our school authorities as a top-notch in his profession. His school work speaks for itself.—Journal.

J. M. Stark, of Independence, Oregon, purchased the bankrupt stock of Claypool Bros., which was sold at Portland last Wednesday by the United States marshal. Mr. Stark arrived here on Tuesday morning's stage and the keeper, J. M. Foster, turned the stock over to him forthwith.—Review.

Jake Reams was brought in from Heisler yesterday on a warrant charging him with threatening to kill C. McPherson. He had a hearing Wednesday evening and was bound over to appear before the circuit court in the sum of \$250.—Journal.

ONE OF THE PIONEERS

William Kelsay, one of the pioneer residents of Antelope, died at Heisler, Wednesday night of last week, while on his way home from a freighting trip to Silver Lake. Mr. Kelsay had been in good health until a few days prior to his death, when he became ill and telephoned for his son to come to meet him and drive the team home. His son left immediately and joined him the day before he died. They had reached Heisler and were spending the night there when the son, who was sleeping in the room with his father, heard him speak and turn in the bed. When he sought to inquire if he could be of any help to him, he found that his father was dead. Death resulted from heart disease. The body was removed to Antelope next day, where the interment took place. Mr. Kelsay was a familiar figure to all who travel the roads of this section, as he had been freighting into Central Oregon for many years. He leaves a large family at Antelope.

ATTENDING SUMMER NORMAL

J. F. Blanchard, Miss Marie Moehring, Miss Jessie Hartley and Louis Arensmier of Madras are attending the Normal Institute at Prineville. The institute began its sessions in the Crook County High School building, and will continue until August 14, when the semi-

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MARRIED

Married, on Wednesday, July 17, at the Poindexter Hotel, Dennis A. Cook to Miss Mary M. Green, both of Agency Plains. Rev. W. P. Jannett performed the ceremony.—Journal. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are both residents of this section, and have many friends here to whom the news of their marriage comes as a pleasant surprise. Mr. Cook was until recently engaged in business in Madras, but he has taken up his residence again at his ranch south of this place.

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TIME TABLE NO. 10.

Effective July 2, 1907.

South Bound No. 2.	STATIONS.	North Bound No. 1.
Leave		Arrive
2:15 p.m.	Biggs	11:50 a.m.
2:35 p.m.	Gilsons	11:19 a.m.
2:50 p.m.	Shike	11:10 a.m.
3:12 p.m.	Wasco	11:09 a.m.
3:18 p.m.	Klondyke	10:45 p.m.
3:25 p.m.	Summit	10:40 a.m.
3:35 p.m.	Hay C. J.	10:24 a.m.
3:45 p.m.	McDonnals	10:22 a.m.
3:55 p.m.	DeMoss	10:05 a.m.
4:05 p.m.	Moro	9:55 a.m.
4:15 p.m.	Erskinville	9:47 a.m.
4:25 p.m.	Grass Valley	9:29 a.m.
4:35 p.m.	Bourbon	8:55 a.m.
4:45 p.m.	Kent	8:40 a.m.
4:55 p.m.	Willcox	8:30 a.m.
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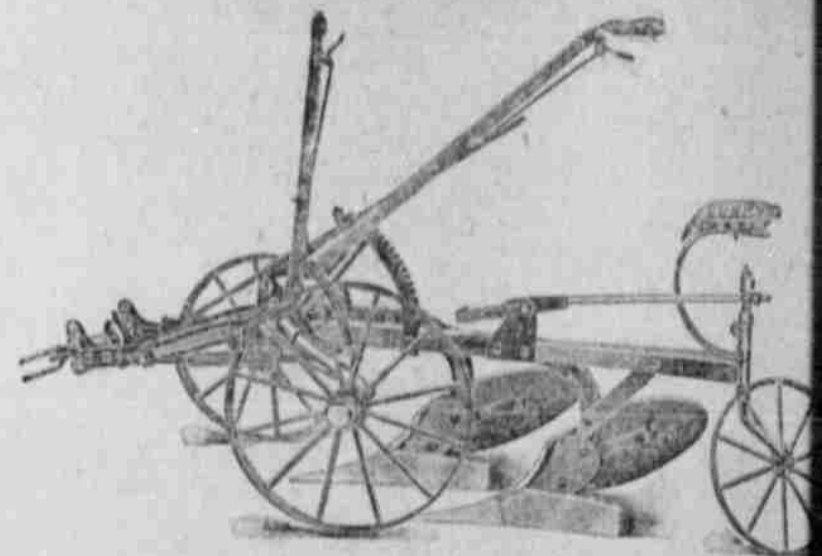
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